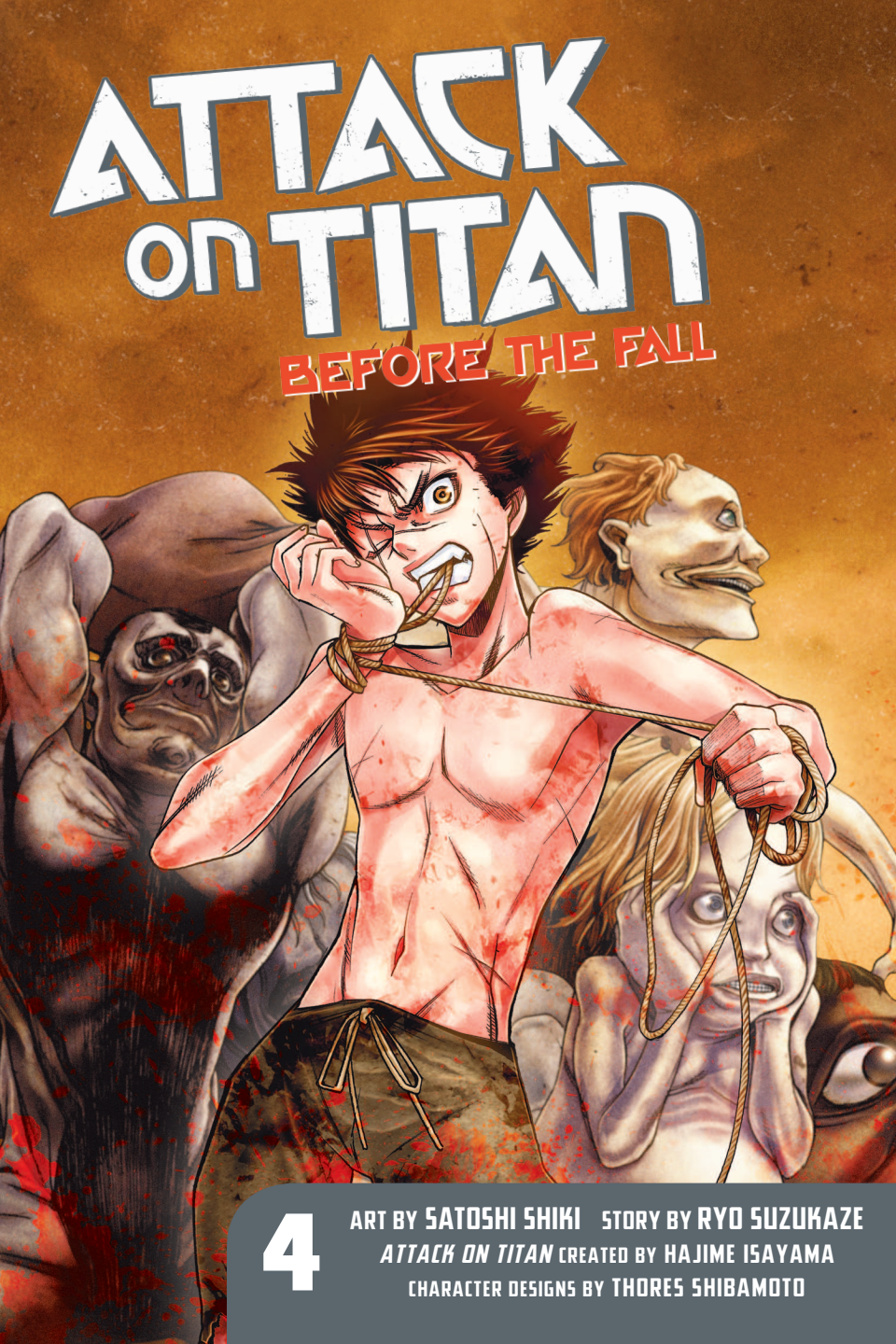
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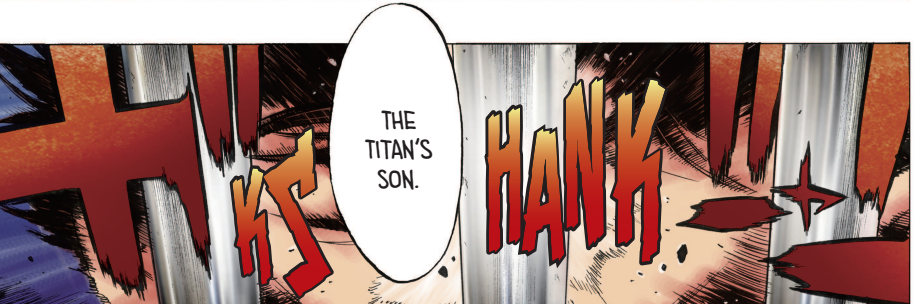
WHAT WAS THAT SOUND?
THE MAN FROM LAST NIGHT. YOU KNOW THE ONE ...
AH, YES.
KSHANK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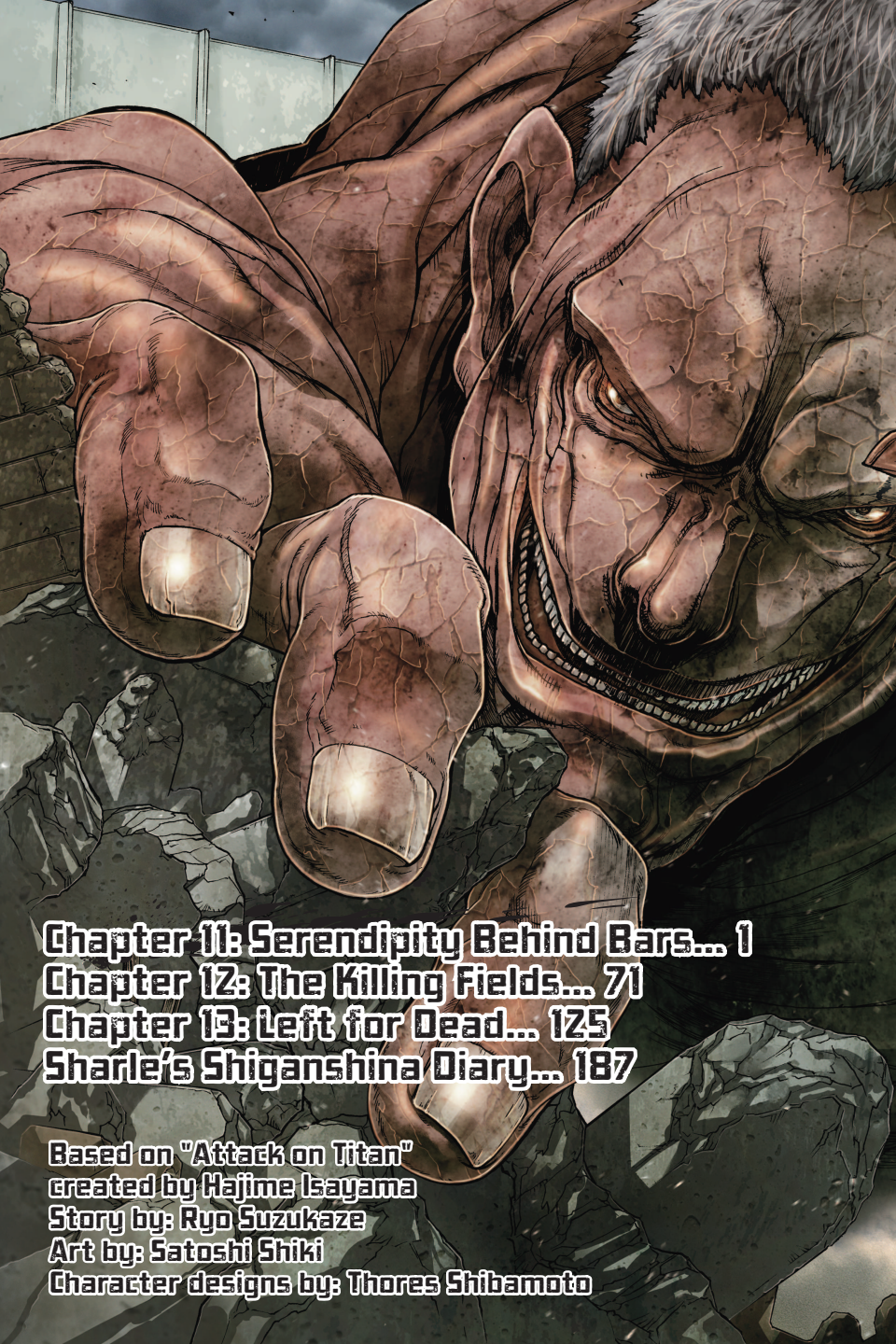

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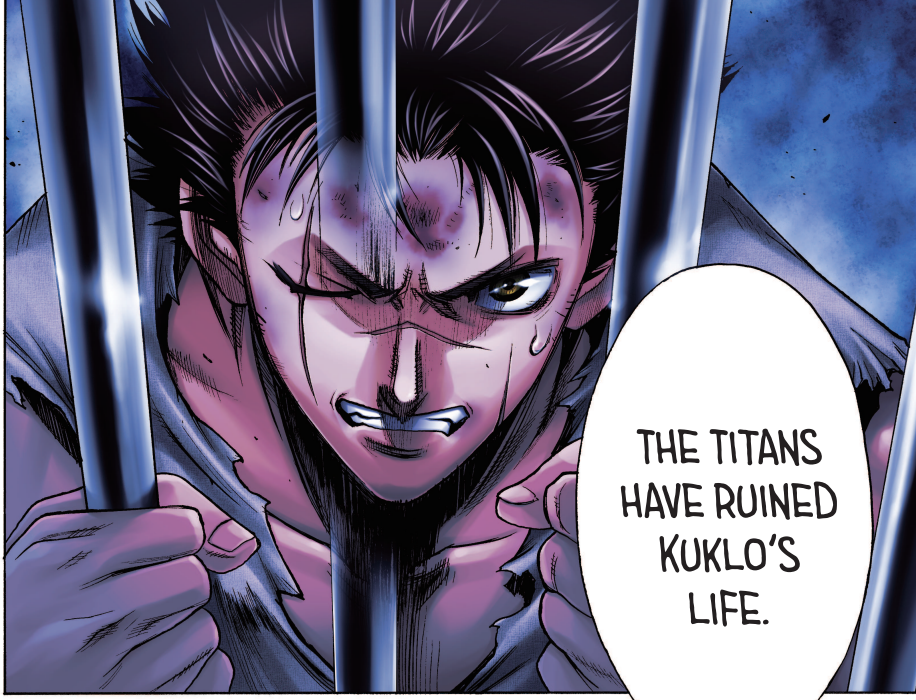
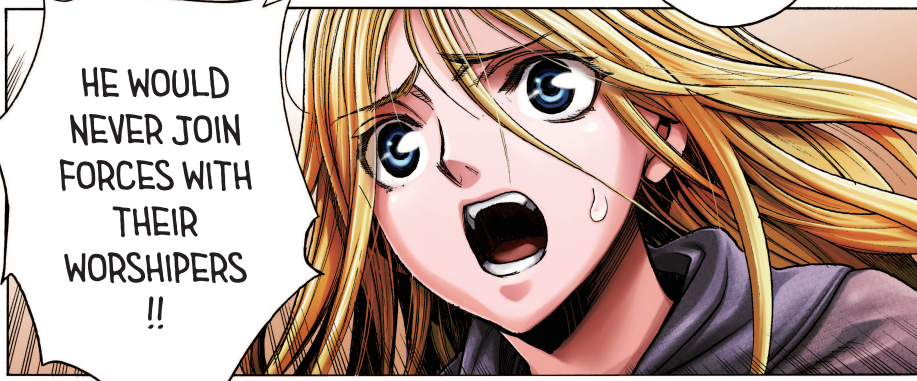

THE TITANS HAVE RUINED KUKLO'S LIFE.


HE WOULD NEVER JOIN FORCES WITH THEIR WORSHIPERS !!

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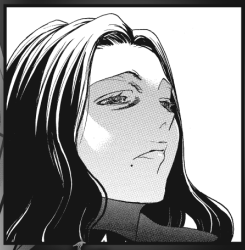
Character Profiles

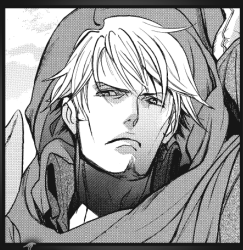
Kuklo

A boy born from a dead body packed into the vomit of a Titan, which earned him the moniker, "Titan's son." The wealthy Inocencio family bought him from a sideshow hut. His father was Heath Mansel, squad leader in the Survey Corps, and his mother was Elena, who helped bring a Titan inside the Wall. He escaped the Inocencio mansion when it was attacked by Titan-worshipers. Currently 15 years old.



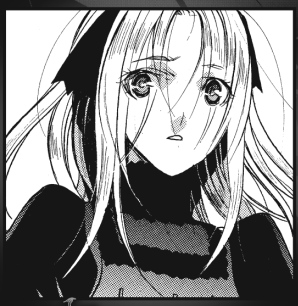
Elena

Kuklo's mother. Her husband Heath was killed by a Titan. When she saw his severed head, she went mad, and was manipulated by Titan-worshipers. Heavy with child, she led the cultists who opened the gate. When a Titan made its way inside, she was the first to be eaten.



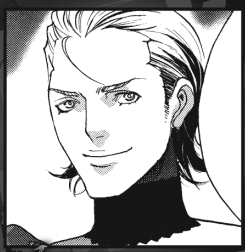
Carlo Pikale

A Survey Corps captain. He joined the same time as Heath, Kuklo's father. As a simple soldier at age 18, he discovered Elena's remains in the Titan's vomit, and witnessed Kuklo's birth. Now the captain of the newly-reformed Survey Corps, he is 33 years old.



Sharle Inocencio

First daughter of the Inocencio family. She attempted to kill Kuklo after he was brought to the mansion, but became his only friend and taught him language when she realized that he was human, not a monster. When Titan-worshipers invaded her home, she left with Kuklo and had a falling out with her brother Xavi. Currently 15 years old.



Xavi Inocencio

Sharle's brother, firstborn of the Inocencio children. His father Dario raised him to lead the military. He beat Kuklo nearly every day for two years, claiming to have "conquered the son of a Titan." This gave him an arrogant leader's air. He believes that Kuklo brought the Titan-worshipers into his home.

Dario Inocencio

One of the top merchants behind Wall Sheena, innermost of the walls. He had close ties to politicians, and hoped to arrange a marriage between Sharle and the son of Bruno Baumeister, a prominent conservative leader. He was slain by Titan-worshipers who intended to free Kuklo.

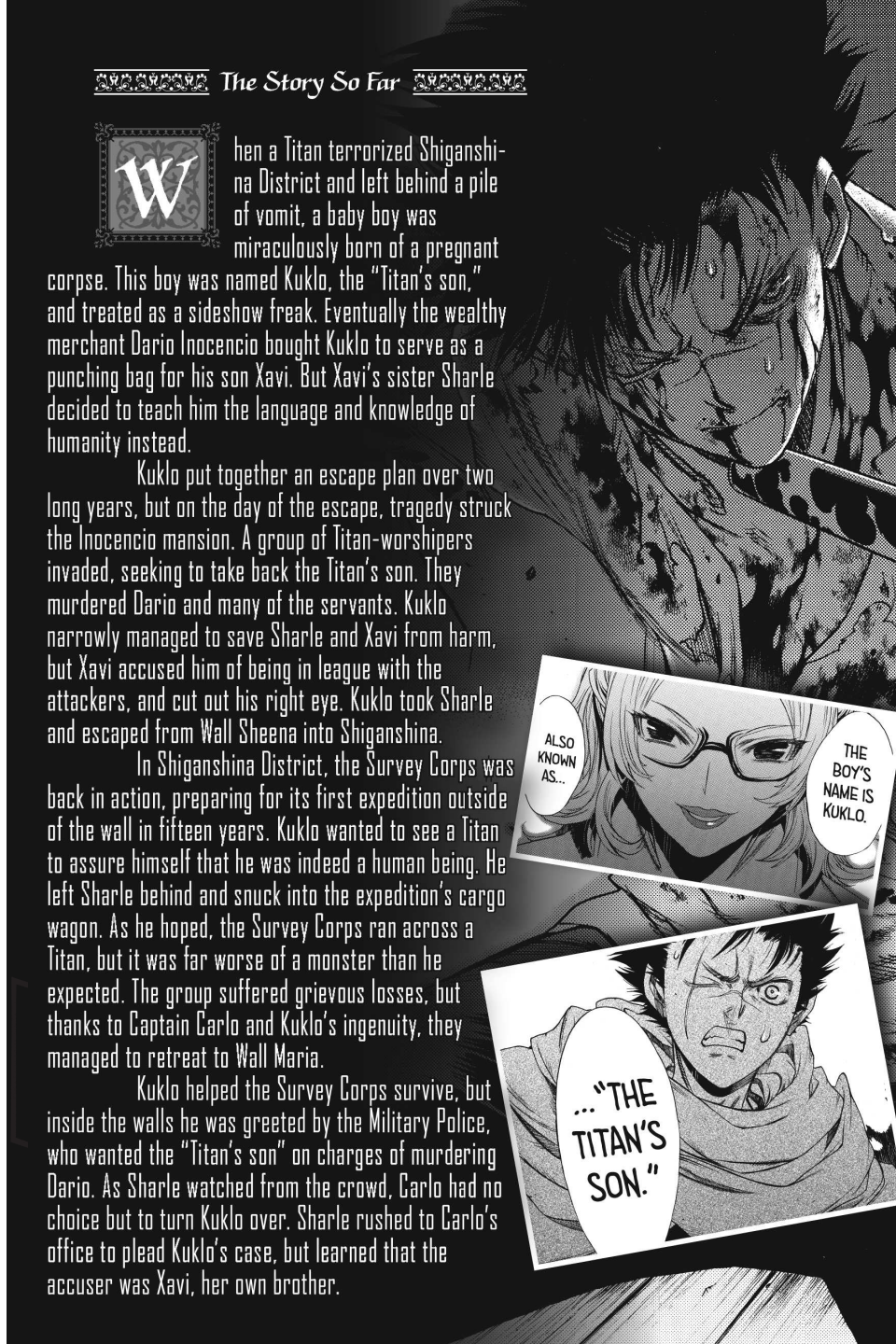
The Story So Far

When a Titan terrorized Shiganshina District and left behind a pile of vomit, a baby boy was miraculously born of a pregnant corpse. This boy was named Kuklo, the "Titan's son," and treated as a sideshow freak. Eventually the wealthy merchant Dario Inocencio bought Kuklo to serve as a punching bag for his son Xavi. But Xavi's sister Sharle decided to teach him the language and knowledge of humanity instead.

Kuklo put together an escape plan over two long years, but on the day of the escape, tragedy struck the Inocencio mansion. A group of Titan-worshipers invaded, seeking to take back the Titan's son. They murdered Dario and many of the servants. Kuklo narrowly managed to save Sharle and Xavi from harm, but Xavi accused him of being in league with the attackers, and cut out his right eye. Kuklo took Sharle and escaped from Wall Sheena into Shiganshina.

In Shiganshina District, the Survey Corps was back in action, preparing for its first expedition outside of the wall in fifteen years. Kuklo wanted to see a Titan to assure himself that he was indeed a human being. He left Sharle behind and snuck into the expedition's cargo wagon. As he hoped, the Survey Corps ran across a Titan, but it was far worse of a monster than he expected. The group suffered grievous losses, but thanks to Captain Carlo and Kuklo's ingenuity, they managed to retreat to Wall Maria.

Kuklo helped the Survey Corps survive, but inside the walls he was greeted by the Military Police, who wanted the "Titan's son" on charges of murdering Dario. As Sharle watched from the crowd, Carlo had no choice but to turn Kuklo over. Sharle rushed to Carlo's office to plead Kuklo's case, but learned that the accuser was Xavi, her own brother.



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... BE-CAUSE ...
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!
AND WHAT IS THE REASON HE SNUCK OUTSIDE OF THE WALL?
...HE NEEDED TO KNOW THAT HE WASN'T THE SON OF A TITAN.
RMBL
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RMBL
SO...
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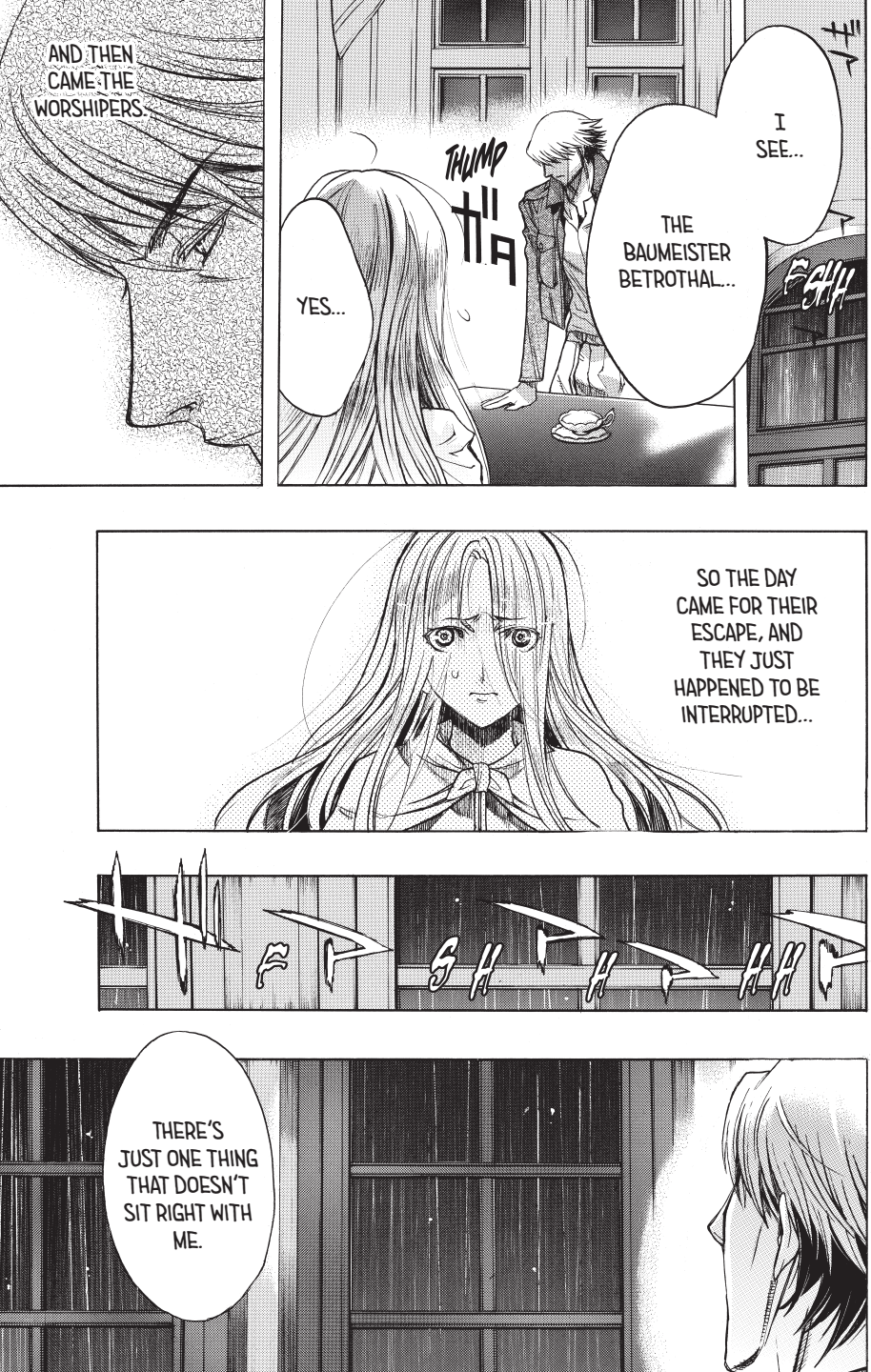
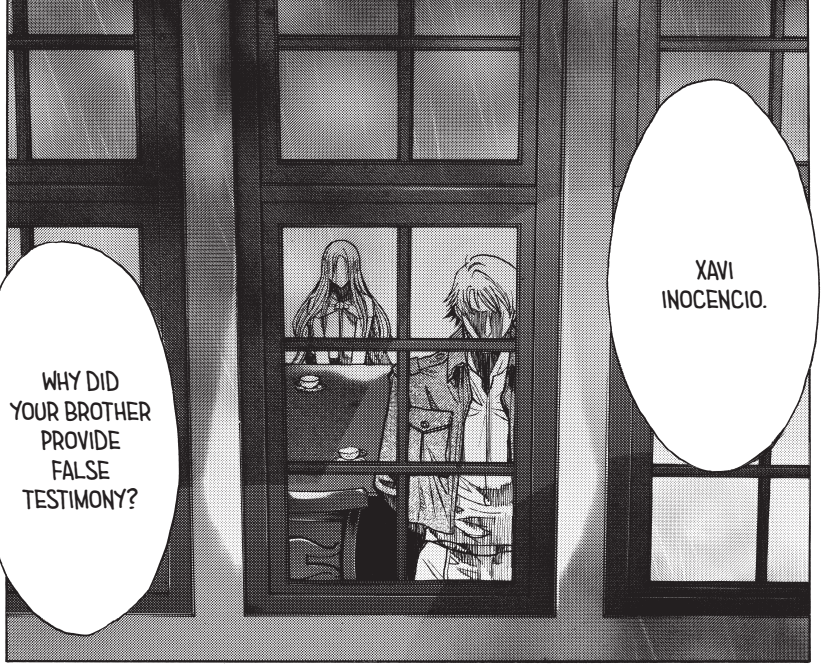
KSHH

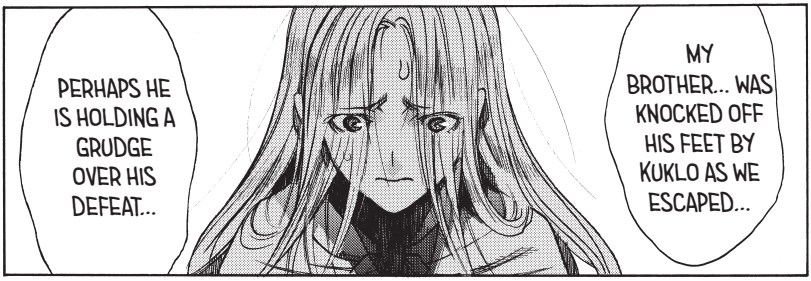
I WANTED...
...HE VENTURED BEYOND THE WALL TO PROVE TO HIMSELF THAT HE WAS HUMAN...
...TO SEE A TITAN...

FWOSH

WAS THERE A REASON FOR THE ABDUC-TION?
I HAD...
...REASONS... FOR NOT WANTING TO BE AT HOME ANYMORE.
SO WHEN KUKLO PLOTTED TO ESCAPE, I DECIDED TO JOIN HIM...


AND THEN CAME THE WORSHIPERS.
THUMP
YES...
I SEE...
THE BAUMEISTER BETROTHAL...
FSH
SO THE DAY CAME FOR THEIR ESCAPE, AND THEY JUST HAPPENED TO BE INTERRUPTED...
THERE'S JUST ONE THING THAT DOESN'T SIT RIGHT WITH ME.

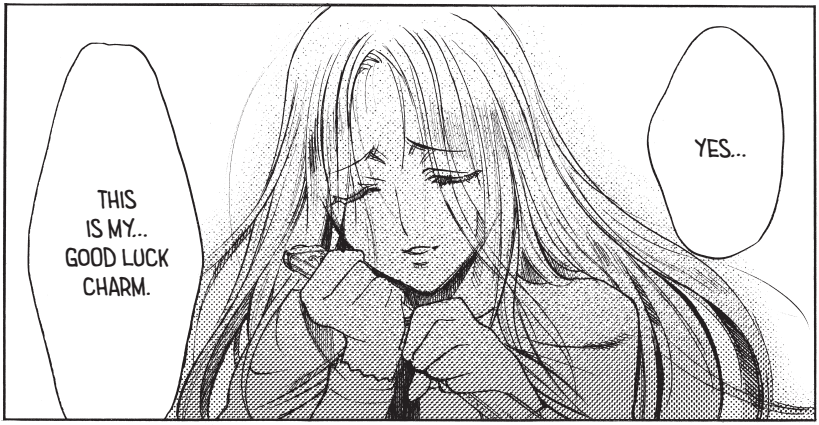

XAVI INOCENCIO.
WHY DID YOUR BROTHER PROVIDE FALSE TESTIMONY?


MY BROTHER... WAS KNOCKED OFF HIS FEET BY KUKLO AS WE ESCAPED...
PERHAPS HE IS HOLDING A GRUDGE OVER HIS DEFEAT...

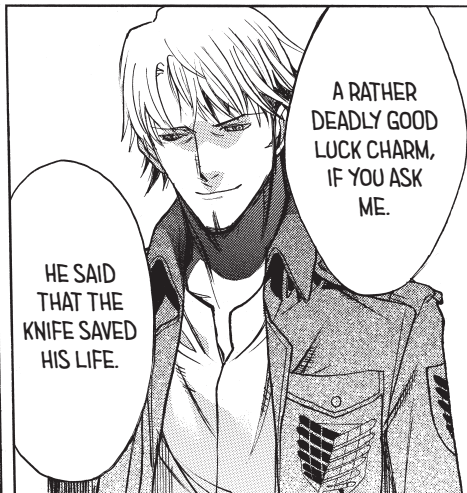
I SEE.
カラ.
CLINK

THUMP
THE KNIFE...
...!

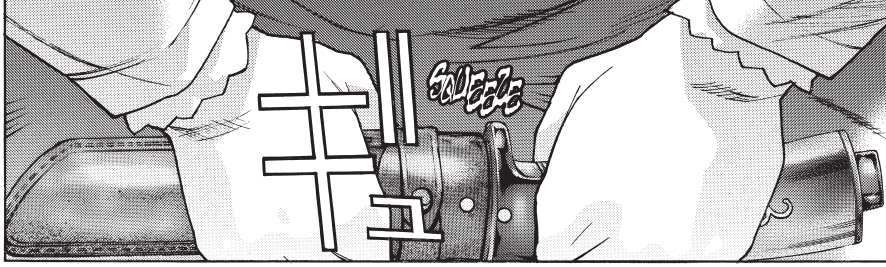
I DON'T THINK HE WANTED THE MPS TO CONFISCATE THE WEAPON...
...SO HE SLIPPED IT TO ME FIRST. IT'S YOURS, ISN'T IT?

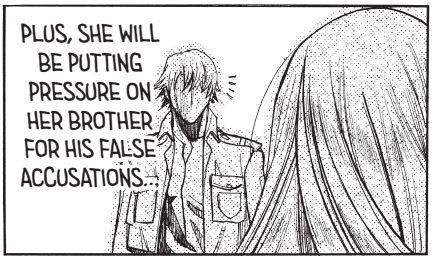

YES...
THIS IS MY... GOOD LUCK CHARM.

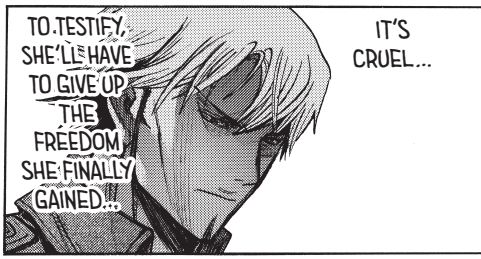
...IS THAT SO?

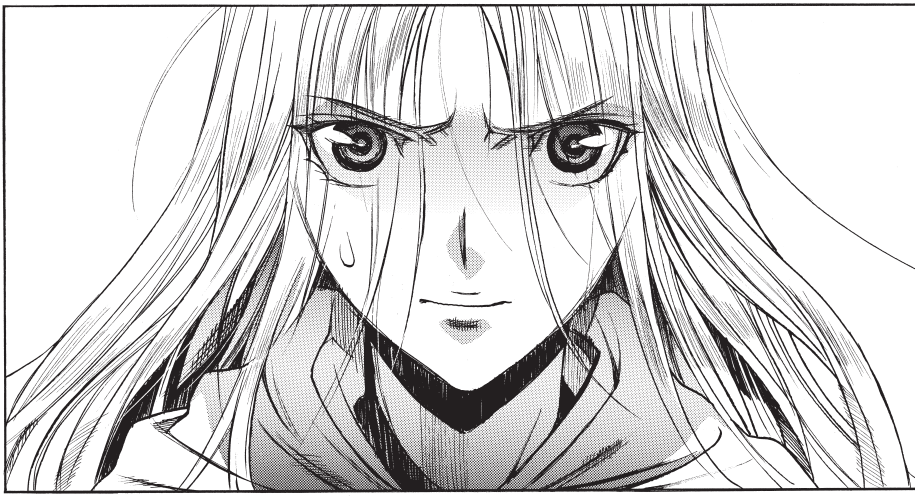

A RATHER DEADLY GOOD LUCK CHARM, IF YOU ASK ME.
HE SAID THAT THE KNIFE SAVED HIS LIFE.

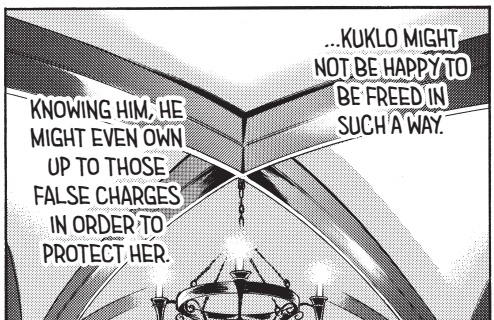
WELL...
THAT'S VERY BRAVE OF YOU.
!
ACTUALLY... I WAS PLANNING TO USE THIS TO KILL KUKLO.
UM... SO...
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO KUKLO?
FLASH
IF NOTHING CHANGES, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO AVOID PUNISHMENT.
OF COURSE, IF YOU WERE WILLING TO TESTIFY, HE MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE...


SQUEEZE

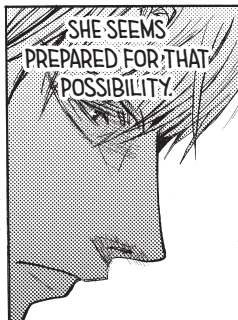

PLUS, SHE WILL BE PUTTING PRESSURE ON HER BROTHER FOR HIS FALSE ACCUSATIONS...


TO TESTIFY, SHE'LL HAVE TO GIVE UP THE FREEDOM SHE FINALLY GAINED!!
IT'S CRUEL...

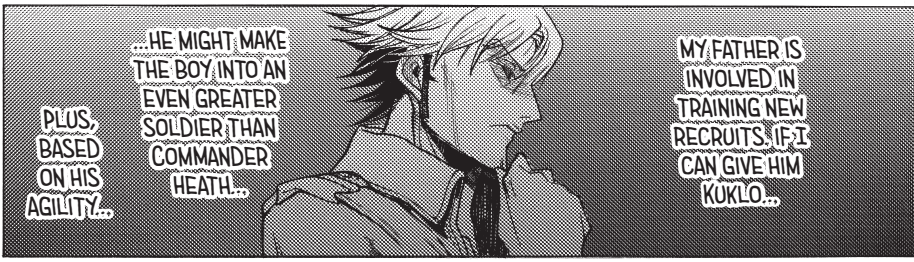



KNOWING HIM, HE MIGHT EVEN OWN UP TO THOSE FALSE CHARGES IN ORDER TO PROTECT HER.
...KUKLO MIGHT NOT BE HAPPY TO BE FREED IN SUCH A WAY.

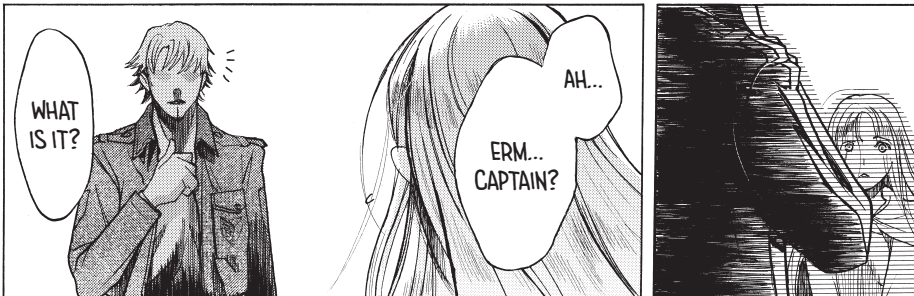
ON THE OTHER HAND...


SHE SEEMS PREPARED FOR THAT POSSIBILITY.

HE MUST GET THAT STEADFAST COURAGE FROM COMMANDER HEATH.
UH...
UMM...
PERHAPS THERE'S NO FIGHTING AGAINST THE NATURE OF YOUR BLOOD.
SO... ABOUT MY QUESTION...
AND THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE I WANT HIM TO MEET AS WELL.
I WANT TO TALK TO HIM AS MUCH AS YOU DO.
HUH?
I UNDER-STAND.



...I SUSPECT HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO MASTER THE **DEVICE.**



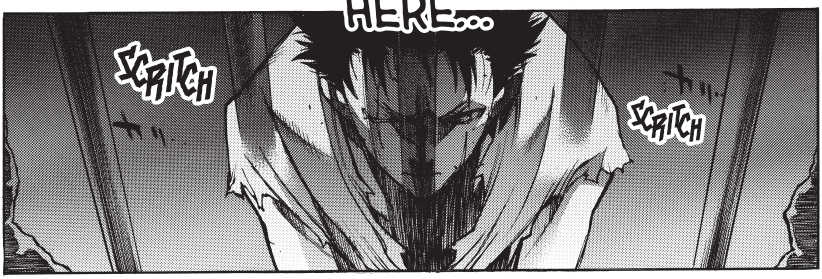
WHY ARE YOU HELPING US? WE'RE TOTAL STRANGERS TO YOU...
STRAN-GERS ...?
THAT'S NOT QUITE TRUE.
HUH ...?
HAVE YOU MET EITHER OF US BEFORE?!
WELL, YOU SEE...
RMBL
RMBL
RMBL
RMBL
RMBL
I WAS THERE THE MOMENT HE WAS BORN.

RMBL
RMBL
...HUH?
RMBL
RMBL
RMBL
RMBL
YOU COULD SAY...

...IT WAS ME WHO BURDENED HIM WITH THE FATE OF BEING THE "TITAN'S SON."
KSHAAA

SPLISH

...I'VE BEEN IN HERE...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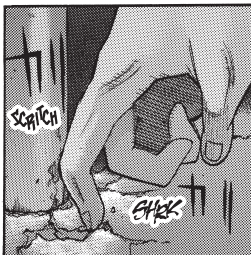
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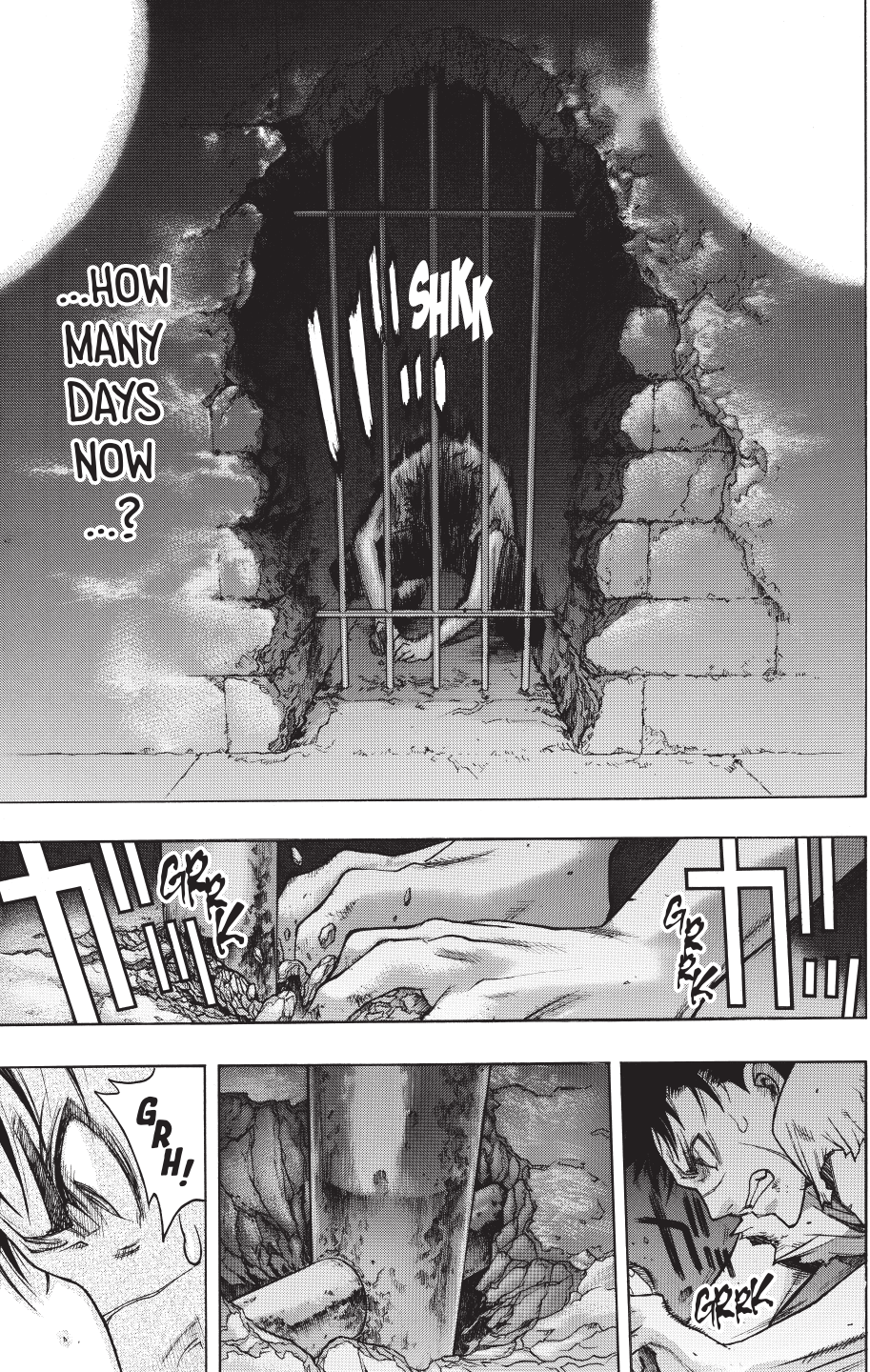
SHRK


...HOW MANY DAYS NOW ...?
SHKK
GRRK
GRRK
GRH!
GRRK

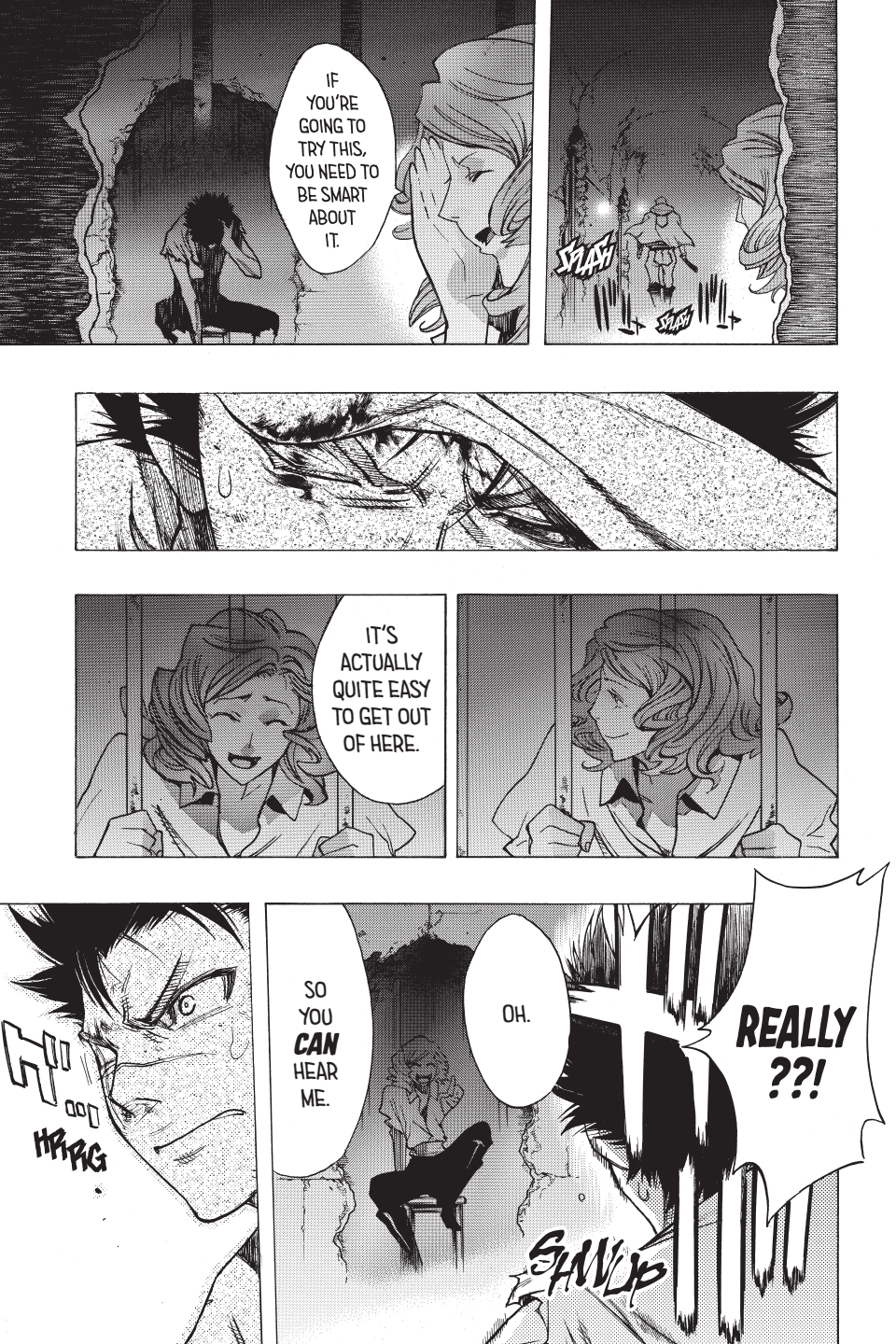
WILL I... EVER GET OUT OF THIS PRISON ALIVE ...?
SHARLE!!
CLANK
SHIT!

?!
HEY, KITTY-CORNER. YOU LOOKING TO ESCAPE? VERY BOLD OF YOU.
IF THE GUARDS CATCH YOU TRYING ANY FUNNY BUSINESS...
...THEY'RE GOING TO BEAT YOU BLACK AND BLUE AGAIN.

GAH!
SNAG
JUST SAYIN'.
SHIT!
LET ME OUT!!
CLANK
CLANK
SHIT!!
GET ME OUT OF HERE!
PLUS, YOU'RE UNDER-GROUND. NO ONE'S GOING TO HEAR YOU.
CLANK
HA HA! GIVE IT UP! YOU'LL NEVER BREAK OUT!
SHIT!
...WELL, SPEAK OF THE DEVIL.
THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO CAN HEAR YOU...
SHIT!
SPLASH
SPLASH
SHIT !!

KEEP IT QUIET!!
THWAM
FILTHY TITAN'S SON!!!
WHAM
ENEMY OF HUMANITY!!!
CRAKK
WHACK
PTU
HUFF!
HUFF!
I TRIED TO WARN YOU.
OH, DEAR.

SPLASH
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
SPLASH
YOU LOOK REAL YOUNG. WHAT'RE YOU IN FOR?
THEFT?
MURD-ER?
OH, I KNOW! COULD YOU BE A REVOLU-TIONARY?
IS YOUR SCARRED EYE A BADGE OF HONOR?!
HA HA! IT'S A WASTE OF YOUR TIME TRYING TO ESCAPE THIS PLACE.
YOU'LL ONLY WIND UP HURTING YOURSELF, LIKE JUST NOW. GIVE IT UP!


IF YOU'RE GOING TO TRY THIS, YOU NEED TO BE SMART ABOUT IT.
SPLASH
SPLASH
IT'S ACTUALLY QUITE EASY TO GET OUT OF HERE.
HRRG
SO YOU CAN HEAR ME.
OH.
REALLY ??!
SHNUP

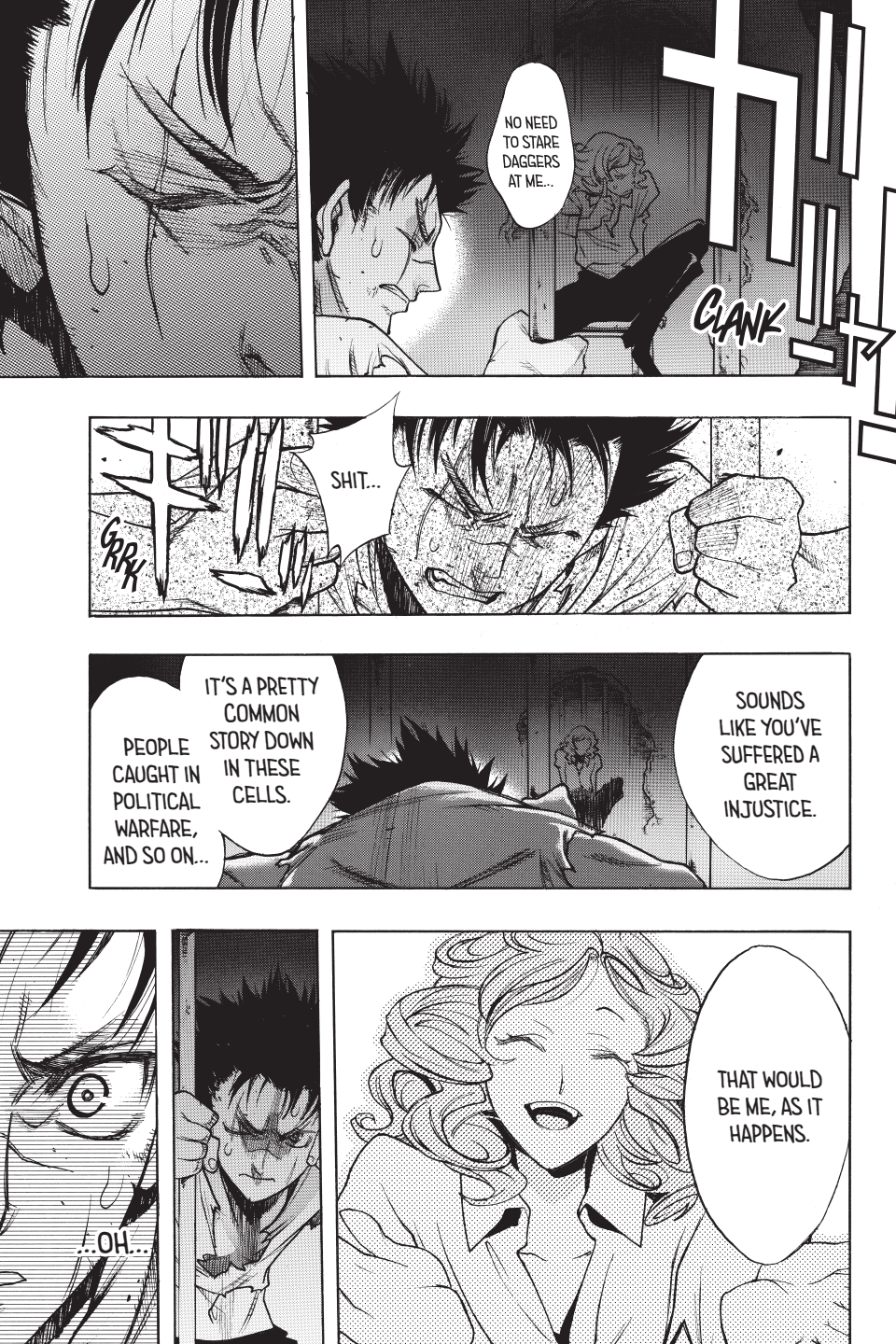
YOU TRICKED ME.
HEH HEH! NO WAY. WOULD I REALLY BE THAT WICKED?
WELL, WHY ELSE WOULD YOU BE IN HERE ?!
NOT ALL PEOPLE IN PRISON ARE CRIMINALS.
...
YOU'RE SAYING THAT DESCRIBES YOU?
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU CAN ESCAPE THIS PLACE?
OF COURSE!
YOU LIE.
YOU WOULDN'T BE HERE RIGHT NOW IF THAT WAS TRUE.

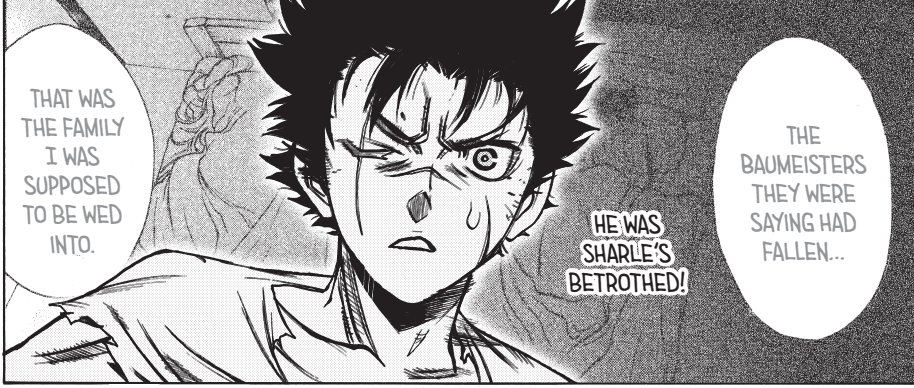
JUST SLEEP AND WAIT.
...HOW, THEN?
HEH! YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME? BUT IT'S TRUE.
JUST KEEP IT DOWN.
KNOCK IT OFF! THE GUARD WILL COME BACK.
THAT'S NOT FUNNY !!
CLANK
IN TWO WEEKS, WE'LL ALL BE BANISHED OUT, RIGHT THROUGH THE MAIN GATE OF SHIGANSHINA.
WHAT I'M TELLING YOU IS TRUE... BUT I ADMIT IT SOUNDS LIKE A LIE.

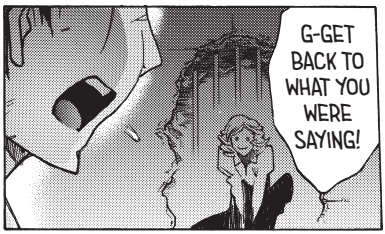
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
...
THE FACT THAT WE'RE HERE MEANS THAT IS THE FATE THAT AWAITS US.
I MEAN NOTHING. THAT'S JUST WHAT WE'VE BEEN SENTENCED TO.
WE'RE BEING BANISHED... MEANING... WE'LL BE SENT OUTSIDE THE WALL...
THEY'RE GOING TO FEED US TO THE TITANS!!!

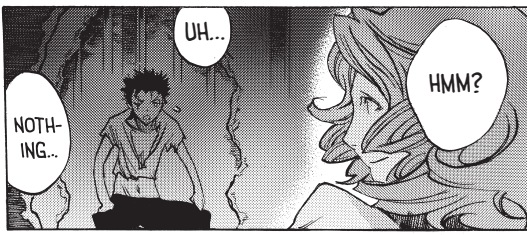
AT LEAST I'LL BE FREE.
...BUT...
CREAK...
I SUPPOSE I HAVEN'T INTRODUCED MYSELF YET.
I'M CARDINA BAUMEISTER.
AND YOU?
...IT IS COMMON.
HMM? WHERE HAVE I HEARD THAT NAME ...?
KUKLO.
...

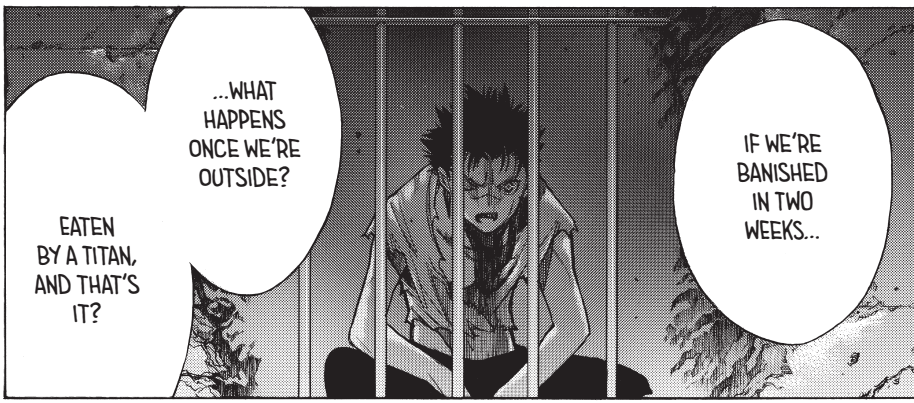
I THINK I'VE HEARD YOUR NAME BEFORE...
BWA HA HA HA HA!
WELL, IT'S A PRETTY FAMOUS NAME!!
SHUT UP, YOU DAMN KIDS!!
CLANK
DAMN...
WHY ME...
SO... BACK TO QUESTIONS!
CLANK
...!
WHY DID YOU GET THROWN IN HERE?
I... I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!

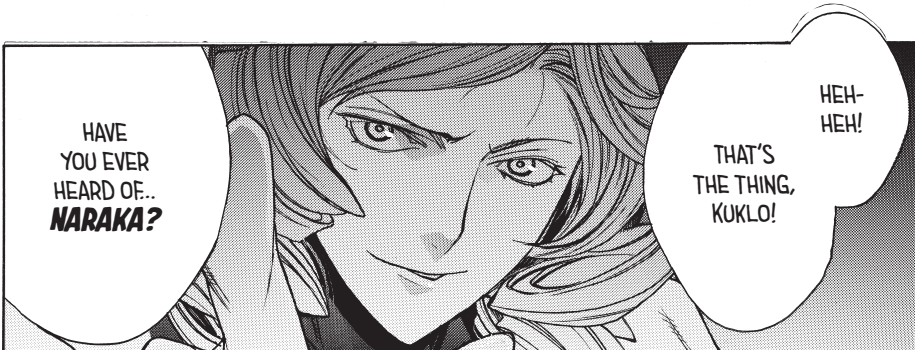

NO NEED TO STARE DAGGERS AT ME...
CLANK
SHIT...
GRRK
SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE SUFFERED A GREAT INJUSTICE.
IT'S A PRETTY COMMON STORY DOWN IN THESE CELLS.
PEOPLE CAUGHT IN POLITICAL WARFARE, AND SO ON...
THAT WOULD BE ME, AS IT HAPPENS.
...OH...


THAT WAS THE FAMILY I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE WED INTO.
HE WAS SHARLE'S BETROTHED!
THE BAUMEISTERS THEY WERE SAYING HAD FALLEN...

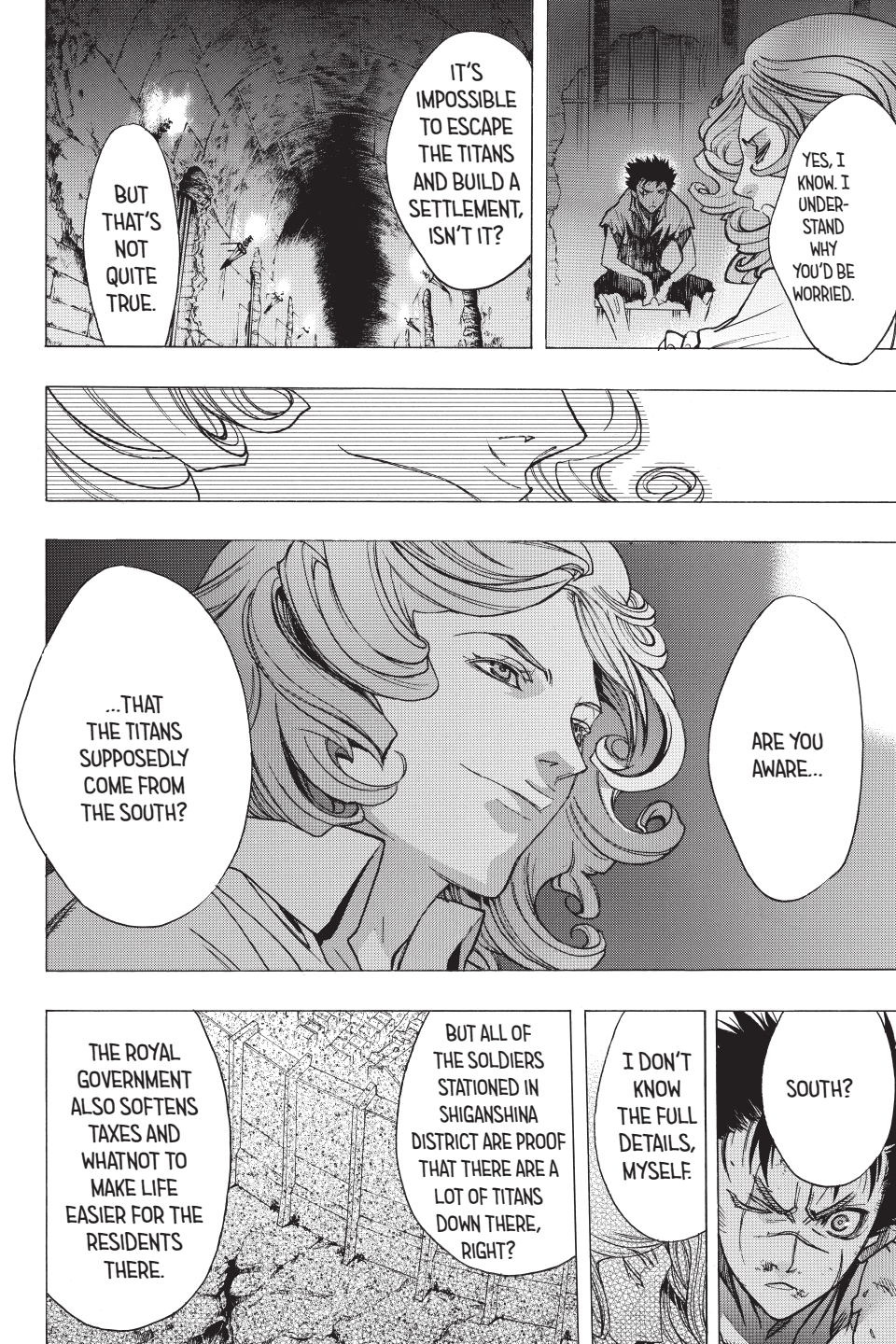

G-GET BACK TO WHAT YOU WERE SAYING!

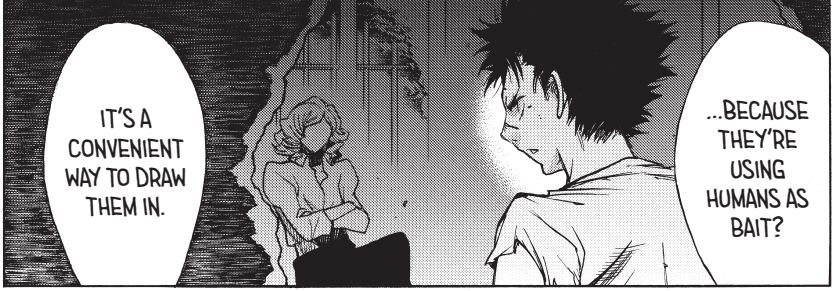

UH...
HMM?
NOTH-ING...

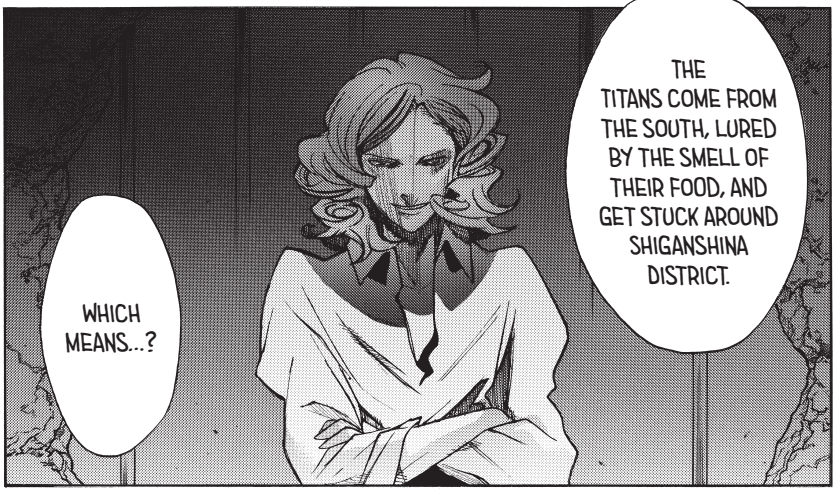

...WHAT HAPPENS ONCE WE'RE OUTSIDE?
IF WE'RE BANISHED IN TWO WEEKS...
EATEN BY A TITAN, AND THAT'S IT?


HEH-HEH!
THAT'S THE THING, KUKLO!
HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF.. NARAKA?

...NO...
DIDN'T THINK SO.
NARAKA IS A TOWN OUTSIDE THE WALLS.
SUPPOSEDLY, IT WAS BUILT BY EXILES. OH, AND NARAKA MEANS HELL.
SEEMS LIKE A RATHER UNIMAGINITIVE NAME FOR A TOWN SURROUNDED BY MAN-EATING DEMONS, BUT THAT'S JUST MY OPINION!
SUP-POS-EDLY?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
NO ONE KNOWS IF NARAKA REALLY EXISTS OR NOT.
IT'S ONLY A RUMOR.
BUT IT MAKES SENSE. IT'S A HIDING PLACE FOR CRIMINALS, SO THEY DON'T WANT ANYONE KNOWING WHERE IT IS.
AND...
...WHAT IF IT'S NOT REAL?
THEN WE CAN BUILD NARAKA FOR OURSELVES.
HUH?!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!


IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO ESCAPE THE TITANS AND BUILD A SETTLEMENT, ISN'T IT?
BUT THAT'S NOT QUITE TRUE.
YES, I KNOW. I UNDER-STAND WHY YOU'D BE WORRIED.
ARE YOU AWARE...
...THAT THE TITANS SUPPOSEDLY COME FROM THE SOUTH?
BUT ALL OF THE SOLDIERS STATIONED IN SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT ARE PROOF THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF TITANS DOWN THERE, RIGHT?
THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT ALSO SOFTENS TAXES AND WHATNOT TO MAKE LIFE EASIER FOR THE RESIDENTS THERE.
I DON'T KNOW THE FULL DETAILS, MYSELF.
SOUTH?


IT'S A CONVENIENT WAY TO DRAW THEM IN.
...BECAUSE THEY'RE USING HUMANS AS BAIT?

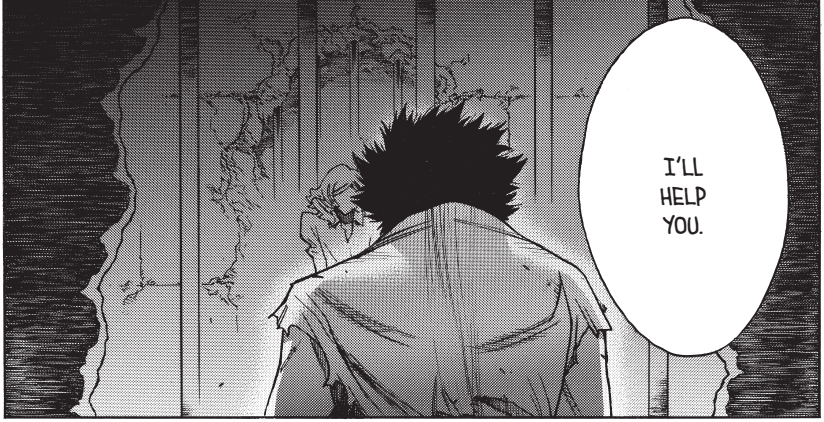

WHICH MEANS...?
THE TITANS COME FROM THE SOUTH, LURED BY THE SMELL OF THEIR FOOD, AND GET STUCK AROUND SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT.

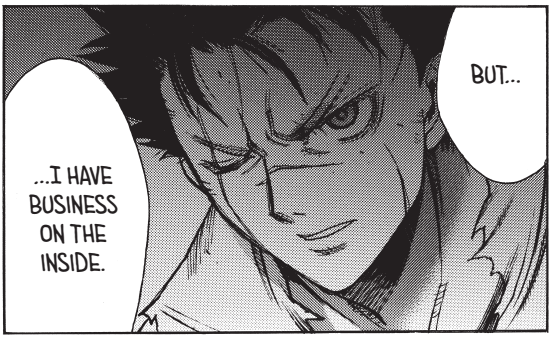
OH, DON'T BE THICK.
...WHAT?

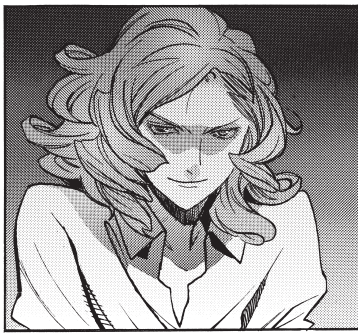
IT MEANS, IF YOU GET BANISHED, GO NORTH.

WHY WOULD YOU TELL ME THIS?
BUT... WHY?
AND NORTH... IS WHERE NARAKA IS?
...IS GOING TO BELIEVE A STORY LIKE THAT.
WELL, NOBODY ELSE AROUND HERE...
YOU HAVE TO ADMIT, YOU'RE PRETTY STUPID.
WELL...
...BUT I WILL?
ONLY AN IDIOT WOULD FAIL TO TAKE THE HINT.
EVEN AFTER ALL YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH, YOU KEEP ON TRYING TO ESCAPE.

REGARDLESS OF YOUR MOTIVE...
WHY, IT'S A COMPLIMENT, OF COURSE.
I CAN'T TELL... IF YOU'RE INSULTING OR PRAISING ME.
...IT'S A SIGN OF YOUR STRENGTH OF WILL. THAT'S WHY I DECIDED TO TELL YOU ABOUT IT.
NOT THAT I WANT TO ACTUALLY LIVE IN THIS "NARAKA" PLACE.
MY ONLY HOPE IS THAT HIS STORY'S TRUE...
I CANNOT ESCAPE FROM THIS PRISON...


I'LL HELP YOU.


BUT...
...I HAVE BUSINESS ON THE INSIDE.

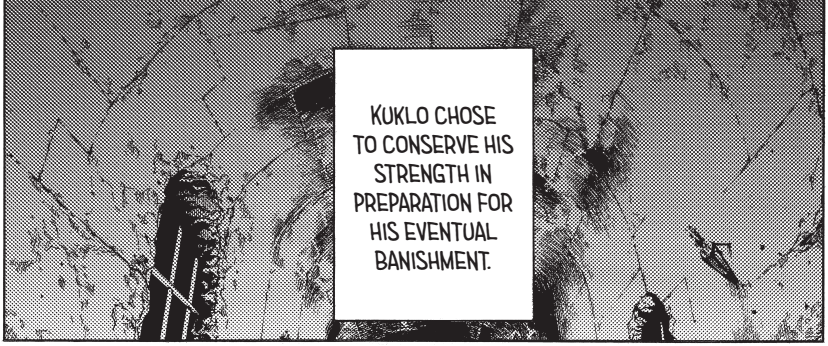


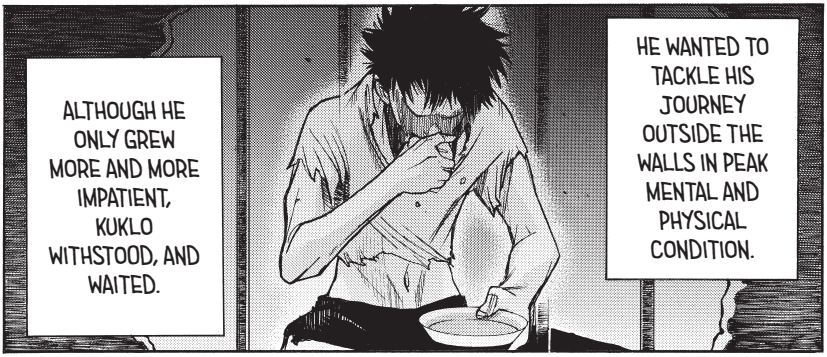
KEEPING SOMEONE WAITING?

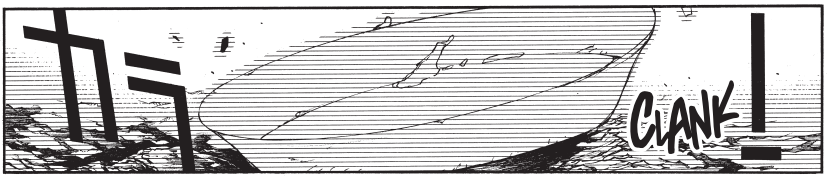
I SEE.
AND THAT'S WHY YOU WANT TO ESCAPE.

...YOU MIGHT SAY THAT.

I DIDN'T PEG YOU AS THE TYPE, KUKLO!
OH! IT'S A GIRL, ISN'T IT?


KUKLO CHOSE TO CONSERVE HIS STRENGTH IN PREPARATION FOR HIS EVENTUAL BANISHMENT.

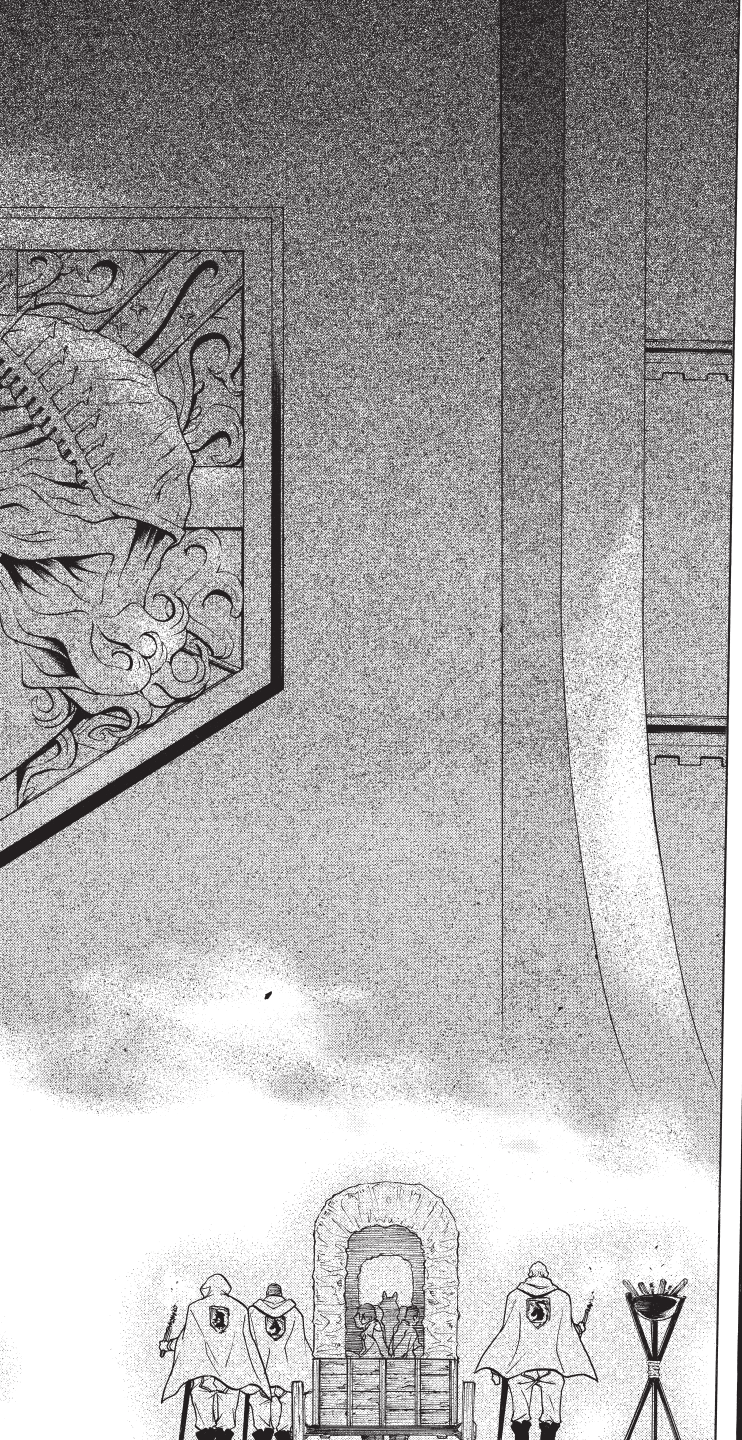

ALTHOUGH HE ONLY GREW MORE AND MORE IMPATIENT, KUKLO WITHSTOOD, AND WAITED.
HE WANTED TO TACKLE HIS JOURNEY OUTSIDE THE WALLS IN PEAK MENTAL AND PHYSICAL CONDITION.

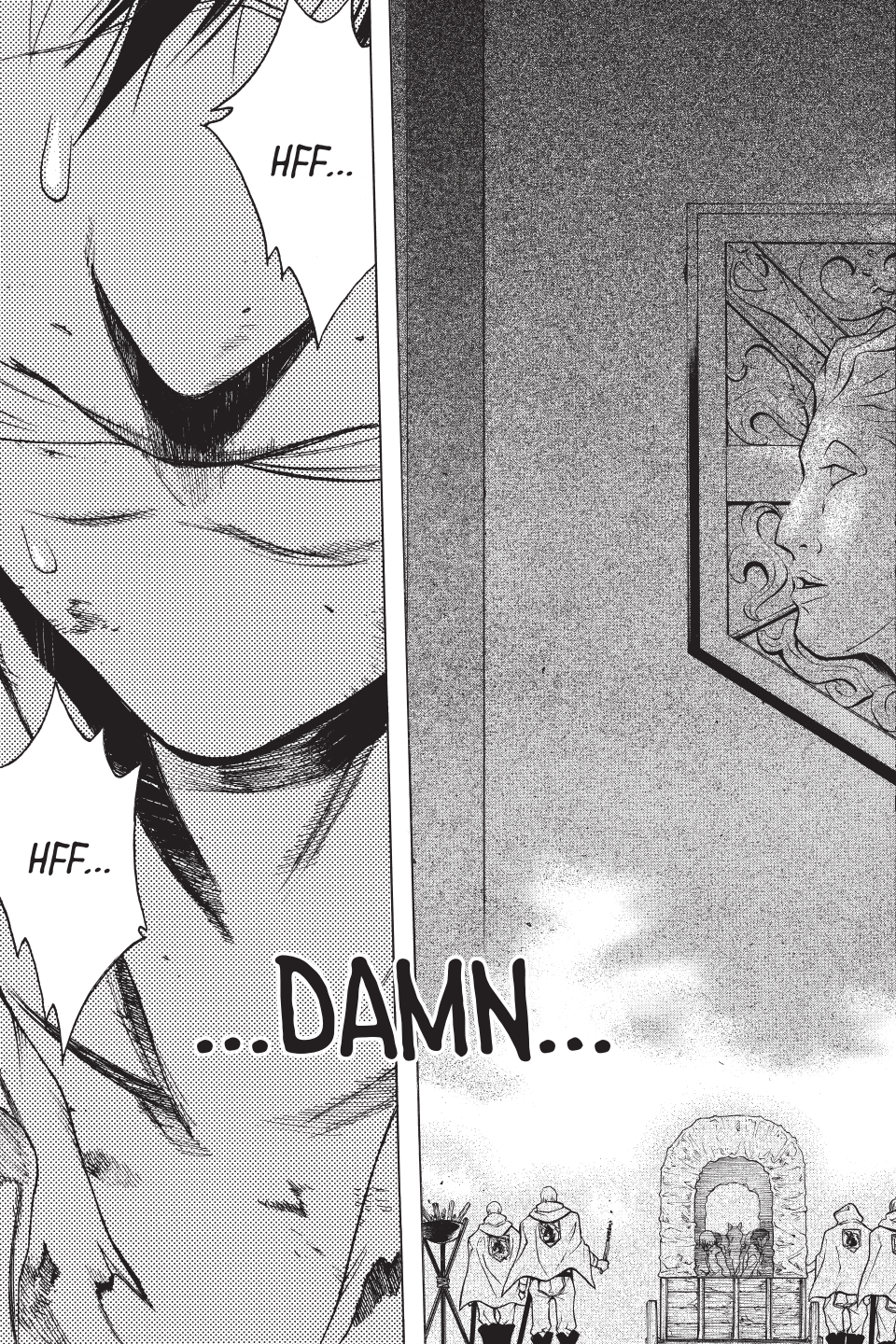

CLANK!

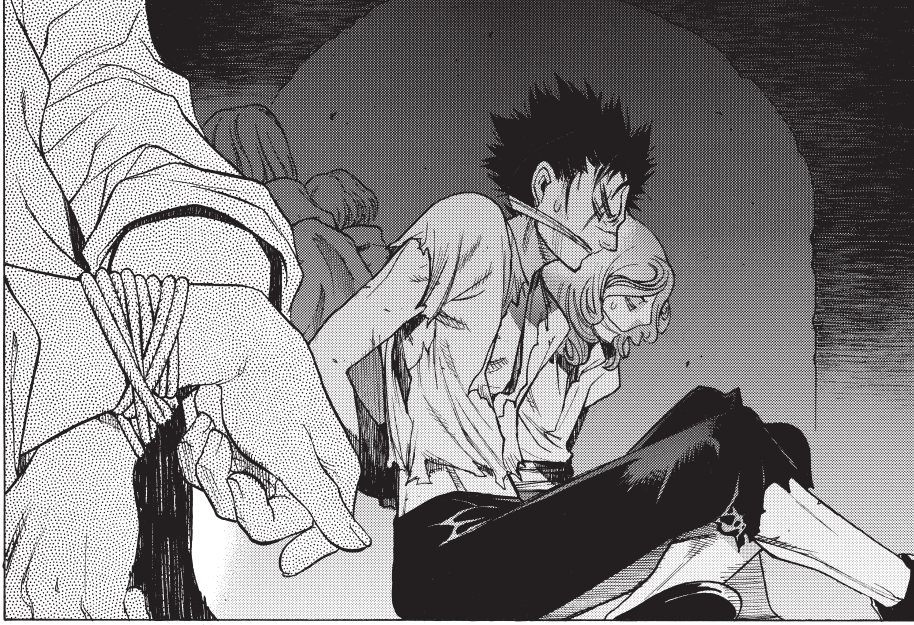
...SIGH...

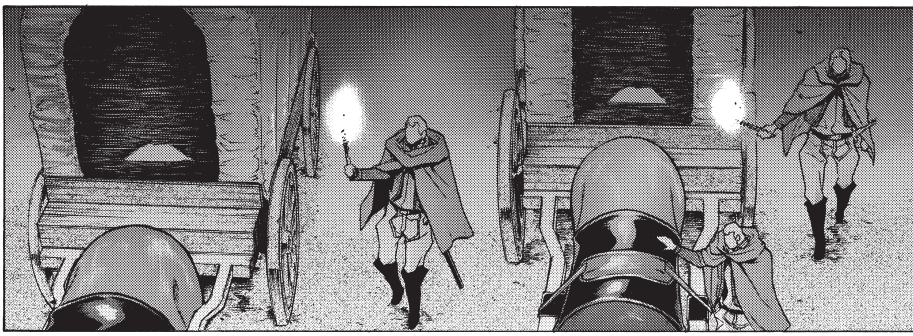
THUMP

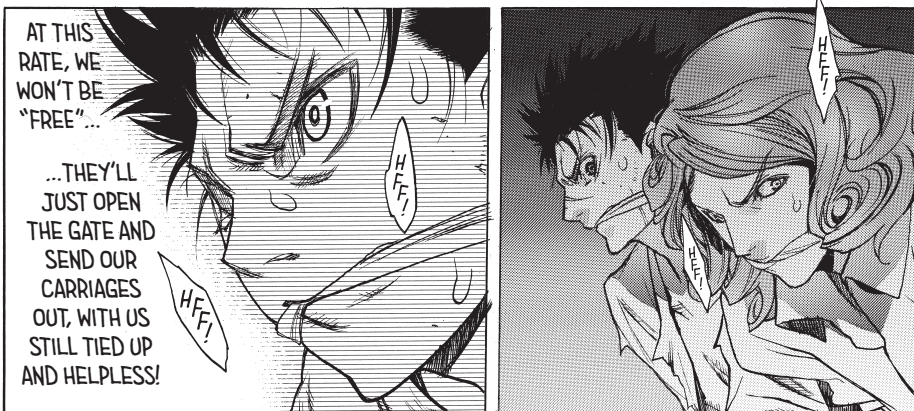
MY LIFE HAS ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THIS...
HEY, CHAOS CAN BE FUN.
SPEAK FOR YOUR-SELF...
WELL ...
...ALL THAT DESPERATION MAKES YOU FEEL ALIVE, RIGHT?


THE SENTENCE WAS CARRIED OUT IN SECRET, BEFORE THE BREAK OF DAWN.

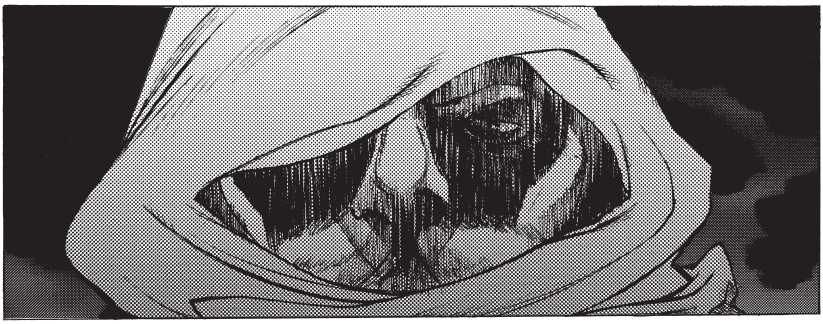

HFF...
HFF...
...DAMN...

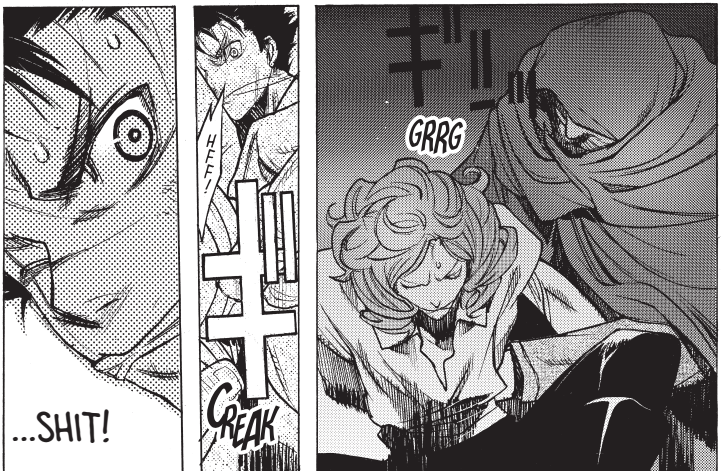




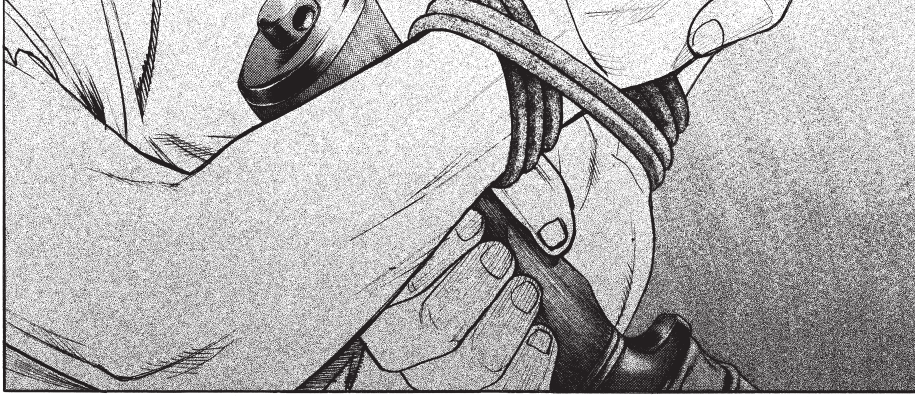

AT THIS RATE, WE WON'T BE "FREE"...
...THEY'LL JUST OPEN THE GATE AND SEND OUR CARRIAGES OUT, WITH US STILL TIED UP AND HELPLESS!
HFF!
HFF!
HFF!
HFF!

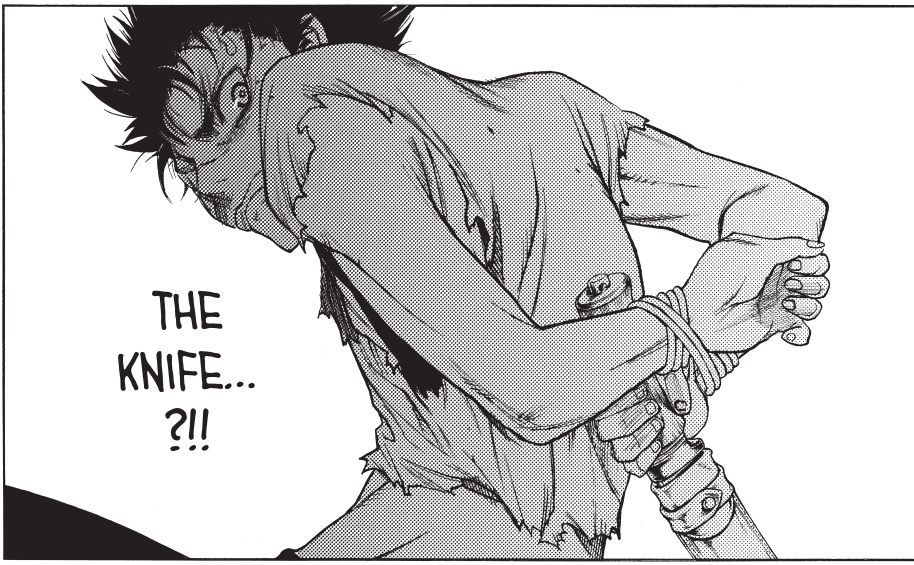
THE FIRST THING I NEED TO DO IS GET THESE ROPES OFF.
HFF!
HFF!
ゴキ
CRAK
HRK
THUD
HRRG




...SHIT!
HEF
CREAK
GRRG
CREAK...

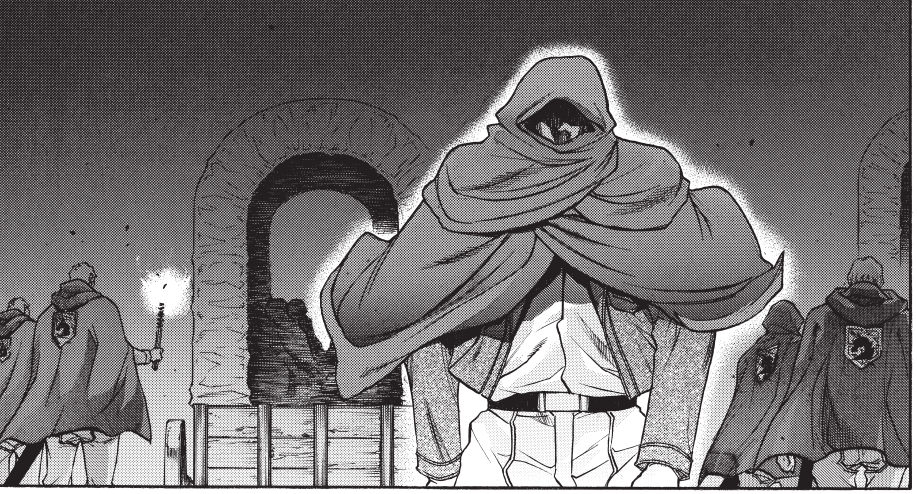
THEY WANT TO BE DOUBLY SURE OF THIS, I SUPPOSE ...
HFF!
HFF!
!

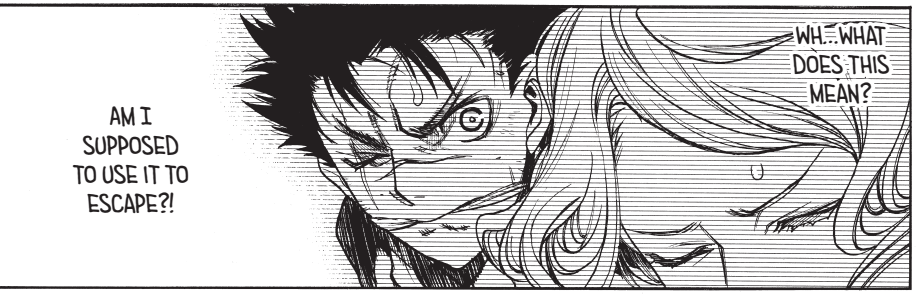


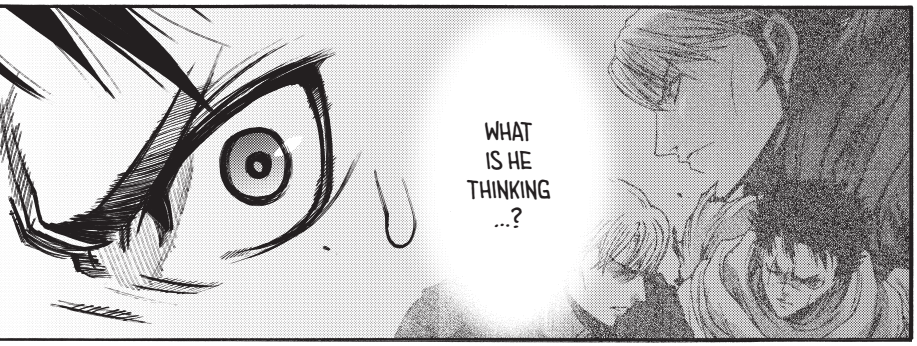

THE KNIFE...?!!

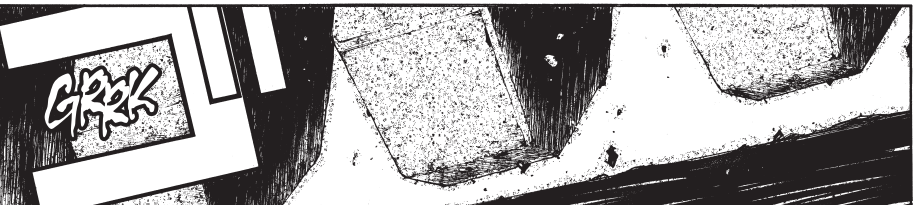
CREAK

SPIN




WH...WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
AM I SUPPOSED TO USE IT TO ESCAPE?!


WHAT IS HE THINKING ...?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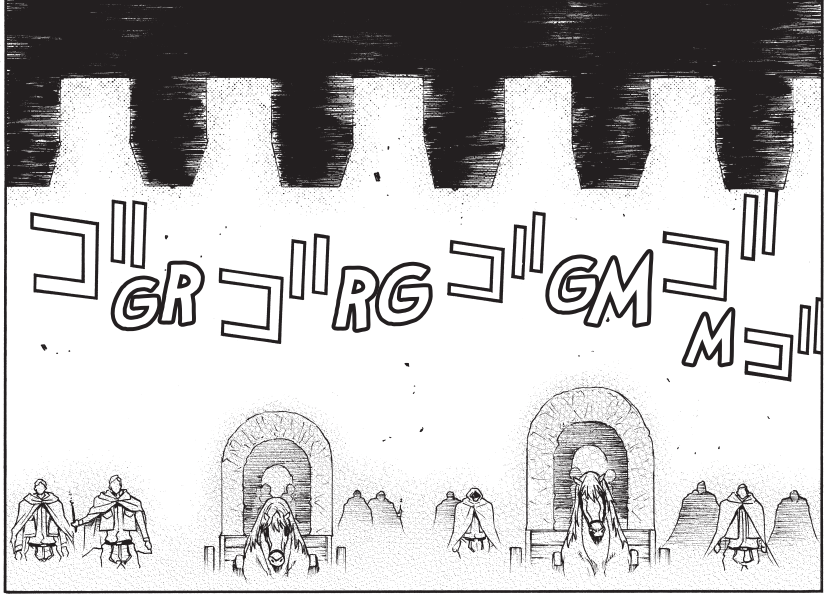
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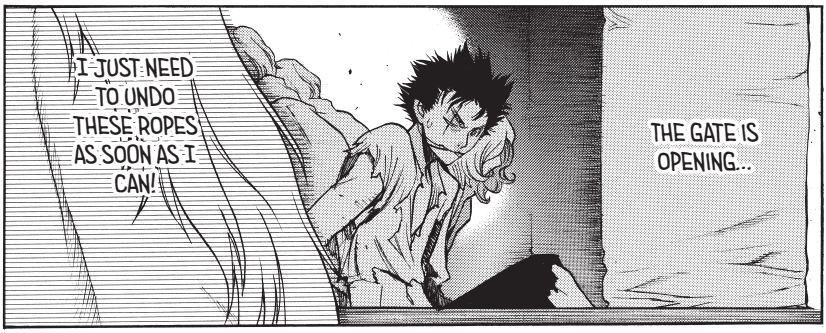
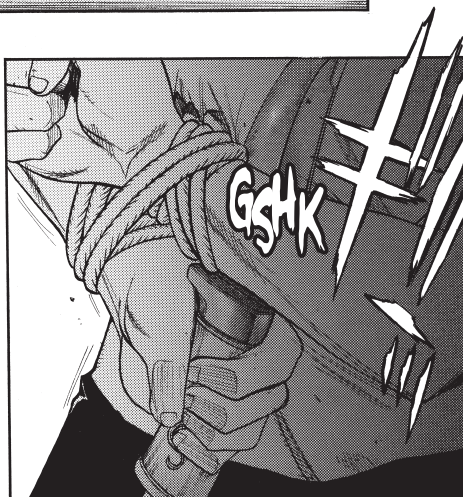

I JUST NEED TO UNDO THESE ROPES AS SOON AS I CAN!
THE GATE IS OPENING...

DA
DUM
HFF!
HFF!


GSHK

DA DUM
DA DUM
DA DUM
DA DUM
HRG!!
KTHUD
KTHUD
KTHUD
RIP
RIP
RIP
RIP
HFF!
HFF!
GRKK
HFF!
HFF!
THUD
THUD
HFF!
HFF!

K... KUKLO?! HOW DID YOU—?
WHOOOOSH
GAAH !!
ガ
RIP
ガ
RIP
WHEN DID YOU GET THAT KNIFE...?
JUMP OFF?! WHAT ABOUT THE WAGON ?!!
WE NEED TO JUMP OFF!
WE'RE ALREADY OVER A KILOMETER AWAY FROM SHIGAN-SHINA!
THIS IS BAD... VERY BAD!

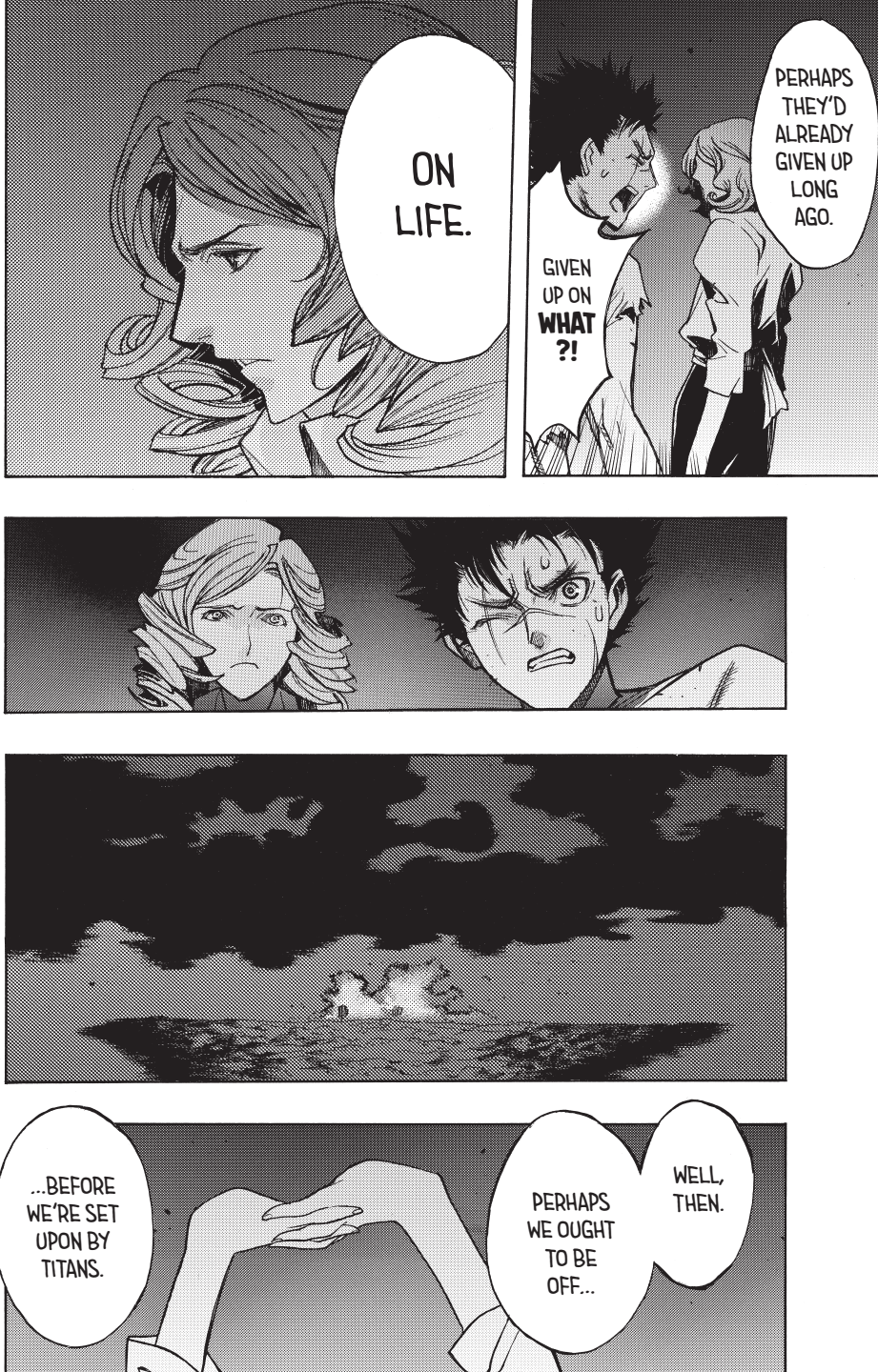
RATTLE
SO WHAT ?!
RATTLE RATTLE
I MEAN, THEY PROBABLY WON'T SEND PURSUERS DIRECTLY...
THEY MIGHT DO SOMETHING IF THEY REALIZE WE ESCAPED!
WE NEED IT TO KEEP RUNNING OFF! THEY'RE PROBABLY WATCHING IT!
...THEY MIGHT SHOOT THEIR CANNONS AT US...
SHIVER
...BUT I SUP-POSE...
HUH?!!
LEAP
WELL, SO LONG!!
KAH...
THUD

LEAP
SHIT!!
RATTLE
RATTLE
DMMF
KUKLO!
ZZSHH

SOME-
HOW...
YEAH...
YOU STILL
ALIVE?!
SHIVER
THAT'S
RIGHT...

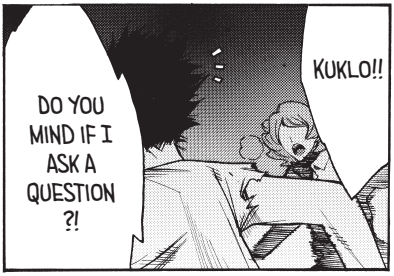
...WE'RE NOW...
WHERE ARE THE OTHERS ?!
!!
DSH DSH DSH DSH

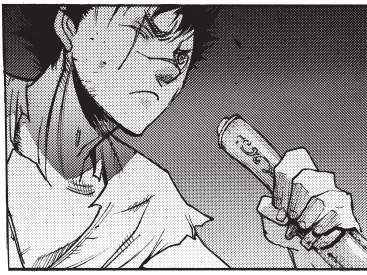
...OUTSIDE THE WALLS...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
HUH?!
IT SEEMS WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO JUMPED OFF.

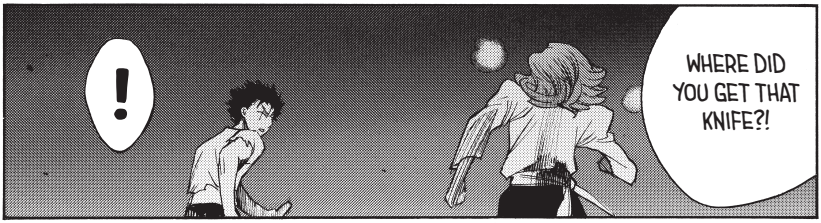

ON LIFE.
PERHAPS THEY'D ALREADY GIVEN UP LONG AGO.
GIVEN UP ON WHAT ?!
WELL, THEN.
PERHAPS WE OUGHT TO BE OFF...
...BEFORE WE'RE SET UPON BY TITANS.

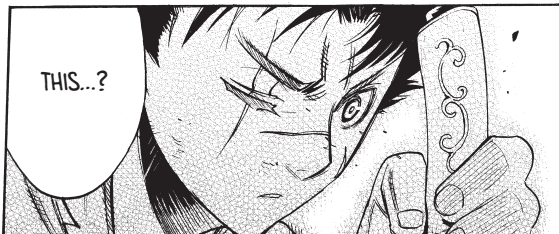
I'D GUESS WE'RE ABOUT TWO KILOS AWAY FROM SHIGANSHINA.
YOU SEE THE SIGNAL FIRES LIT AT REGULAR INTERVALS ATOP THE WALLS?
THAT'S NORTH, THE DIRECTION OF SHIGANSHINA.
LET'S HEAD THAT WAY, TOWARD THE MAIN GATE.
IT'LL BE DAWN SOON.

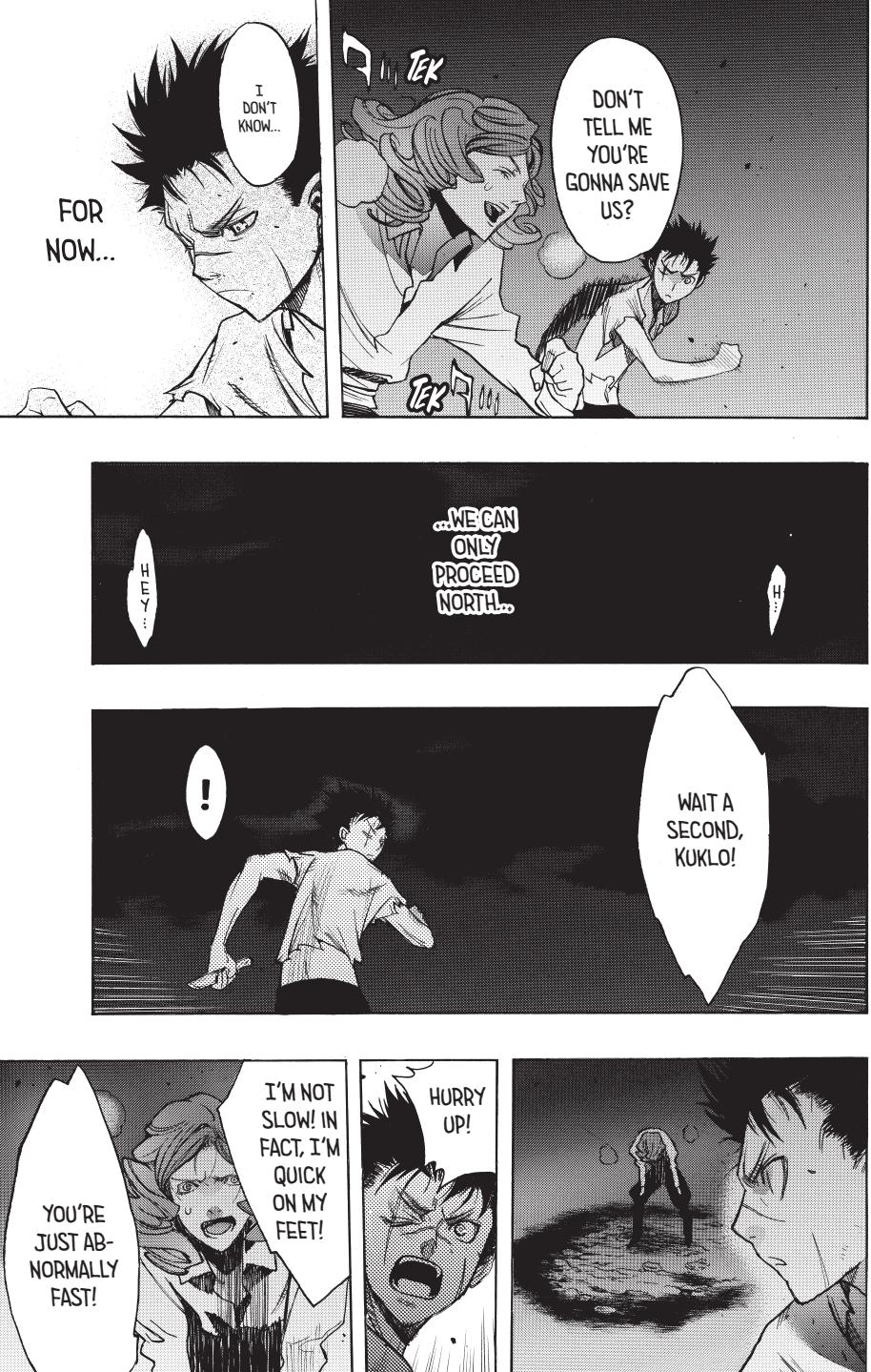
TEK
TEK
TEK
TEK

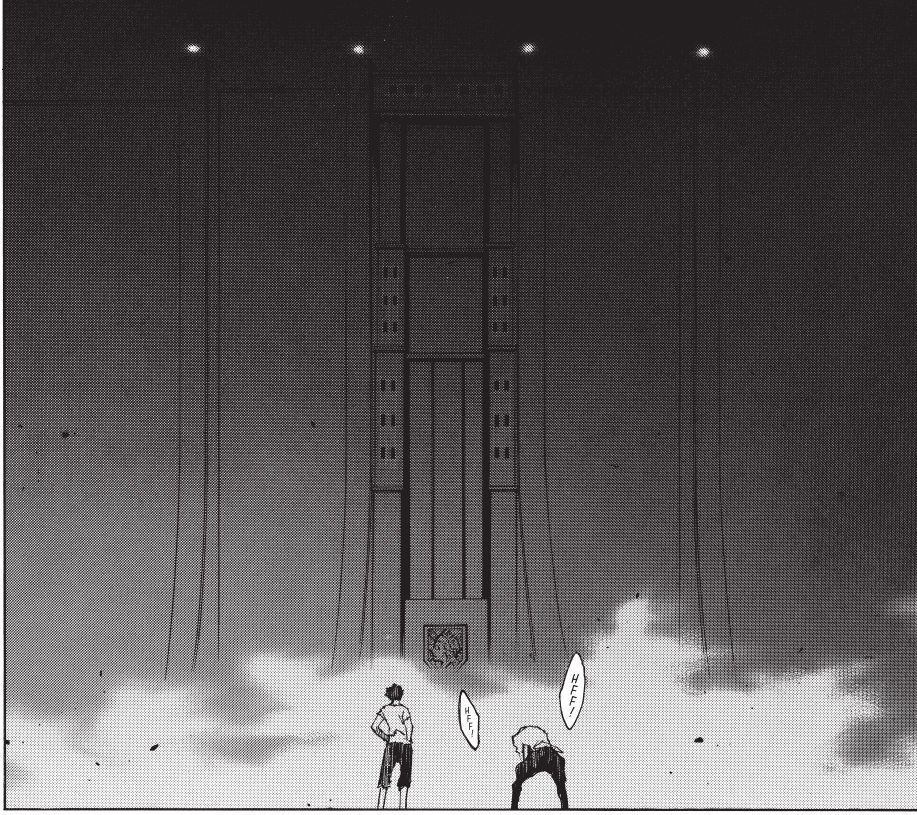

DO YOU MIND IF I ASK A QUESTION ?!
KUKLO!!

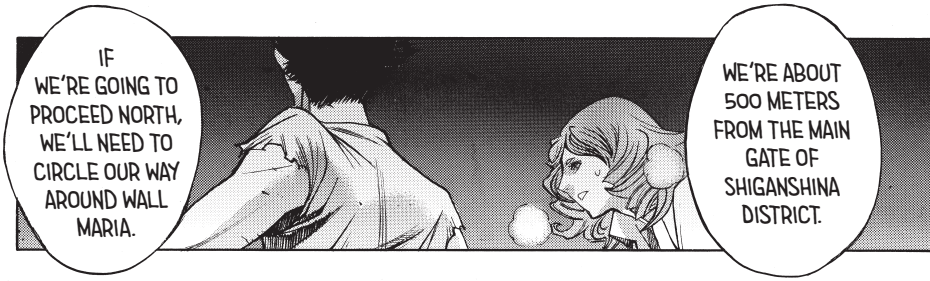


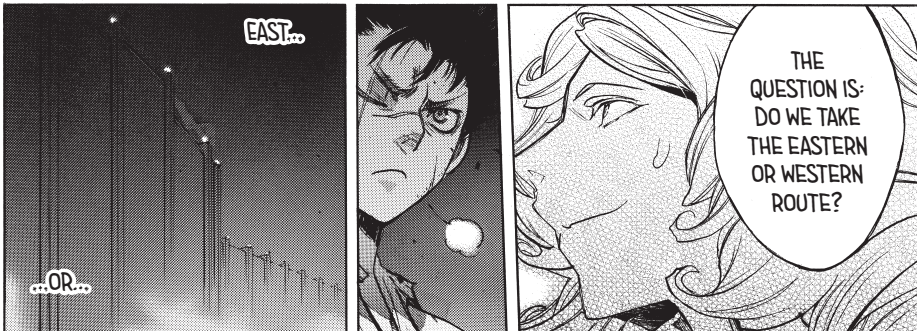

!
WHERE DID YOU GET THAT KNIFE?!


THIS...?


I DON'T KNOW...
FOR NOW...
TEK
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE GONNA SAVE US?
TEK
...WE CAN ONLY PROCEED NORTH...
HEY...
H...
WAIT A SECOND, KUKLO!
!
I'M NOT SLOW! IN FACT, I'M QUICK ON MY FEET!
YOU'RE JUST AB-NORMALLY FAST!
HURRY UP!


HEE!
HEE!


IF WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED NORTH, WE'LL NEED TO CIRCLE OUR WAY AROUND WALL MARIA.
WE'RE ABOUT 500 METERS FROM THE MAIN GATE OF SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT.


EAST...
...OR...
THE QUESTION IS: DO WE TAKE THE EASTERN OR WESTERN ROUTE?

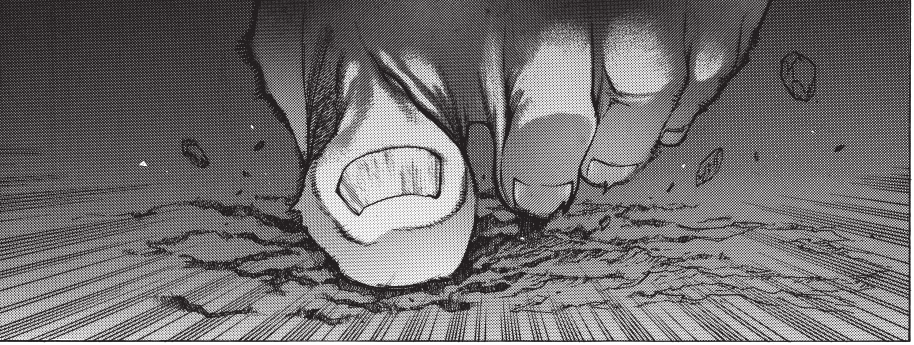
...WEST...?
WHAT IS THAT...?
THERE'S A SINGLE LIGHT ATOP WALL MARIA...WAVERING IRREGULARLY...?
MSHK

SPIN

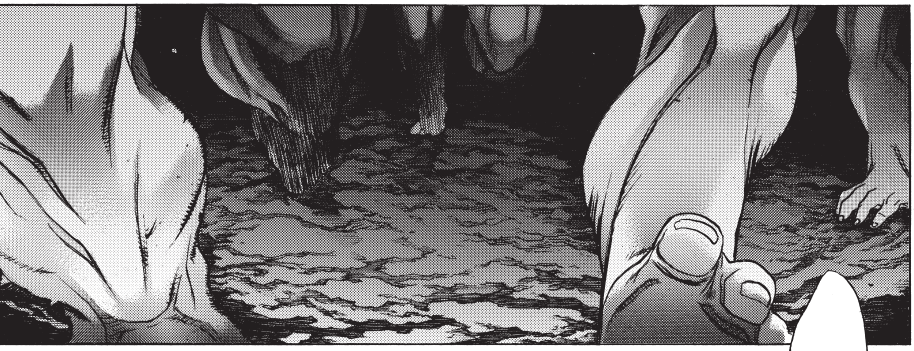
I HEARD THAT—!

Chapter 11: Serendipity Behind Bars END

ATTACK
ON TITAN
BEFORE THE FALL

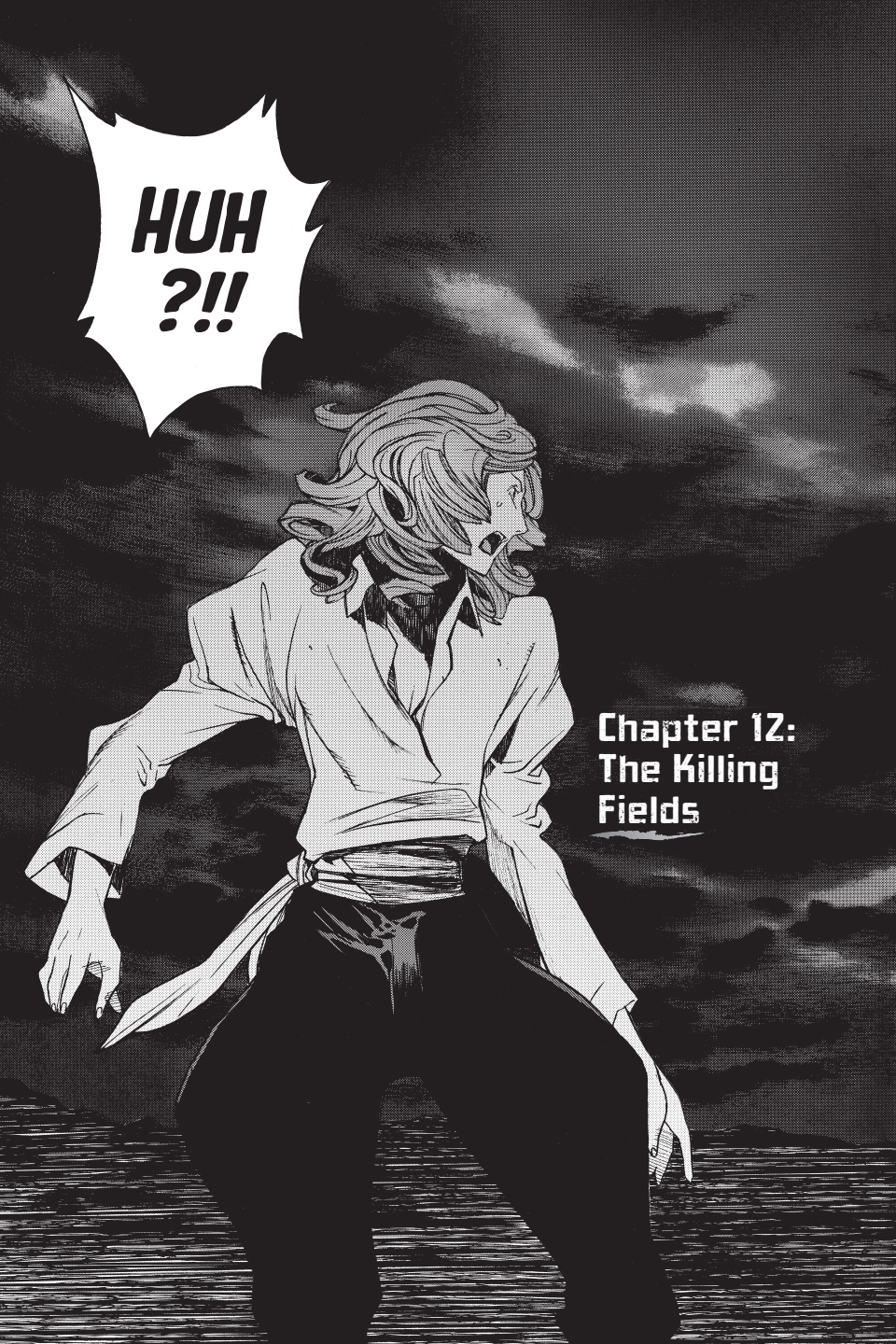


KUKLO?
WHAT'S THE MATTER? WE OUGHT TO HURRY.

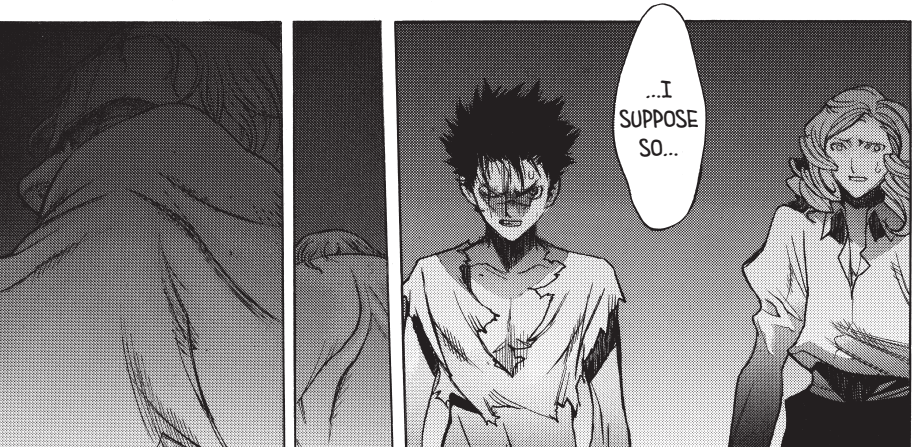


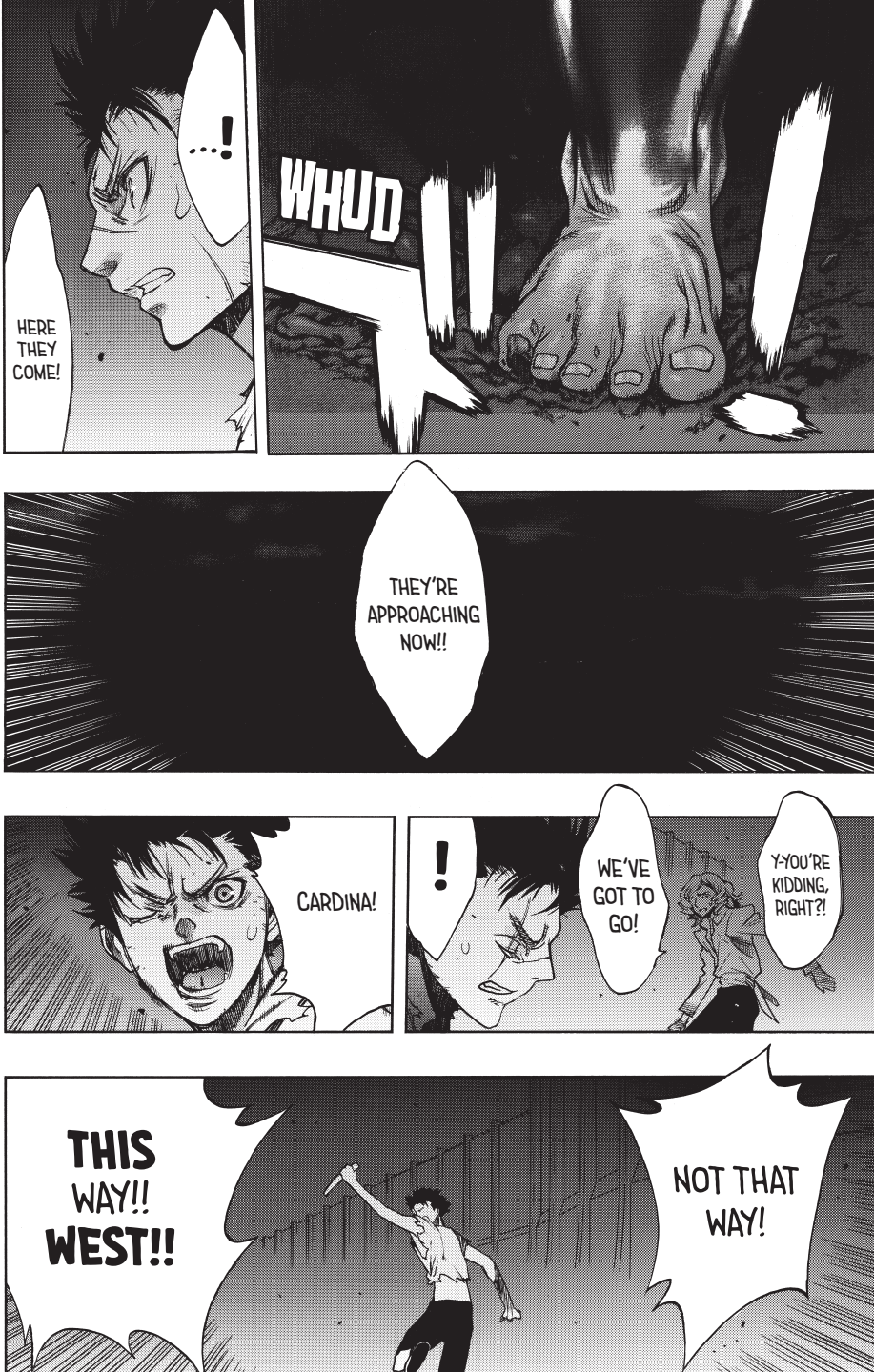
IT'S... NOT ONE...
TWO... THREE... NO...
MORE...

TITANS!


HUH ?!!
Chapter 12: The Killing Fields

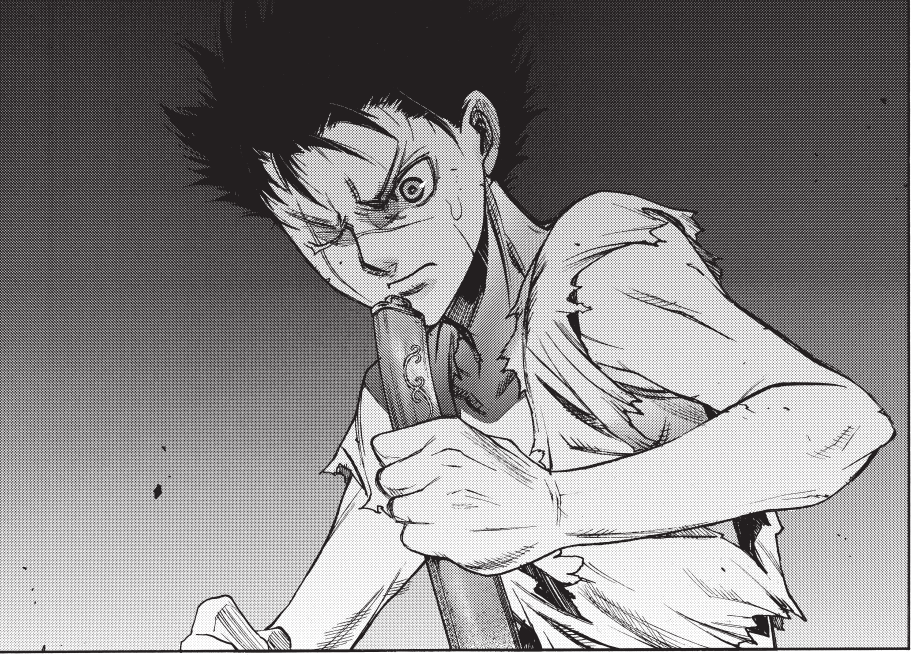
I DON'T HEAR ANYTHING...
GULP
SO... DOES THIS MEAN...
OUR EXECUTION... IS ALREADY AT HAND...?


...I SUPPOSE SO...


...!
HERE THEY COME!
WHUD
THEY'RE APPROACHING NOW!!
CARDINA!
!
WE'VE GOT TO GO!
Y-YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?!
THIS WAY!! WEST!!
NOT THAT WAY!

AHH...
...!
DASH
KUKLO! IS THERE A REASON FOR THIS?!
UP THERE !!
LOOK AT THE LIGHT !

THE FLICKERING LAMP LIGHT AT THE EDGE OF SHIGAN-SHINA!
...YOU'RE RIGHT...
DOES THIS HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THAT KNIFE?!!
HEY! KUKLO!!

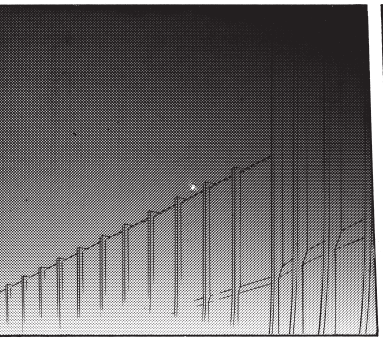


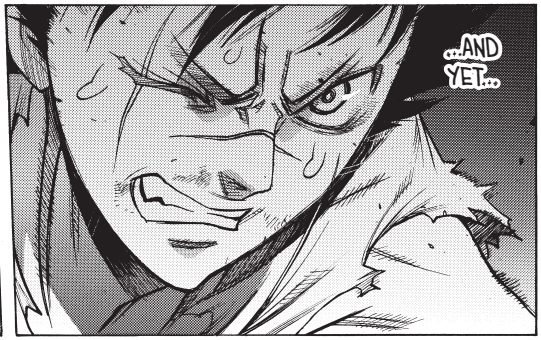
...MAYBE.

I HOPE I'M RIGHT TO TRUST YOU...
...

DOOOM
DOOOM
DOOOM
!!
DOOOM
...DAMN...
DOOOM
THOSE FOOTSTEPS...
THEY'RE OBVIOUSLY CHASING US!!

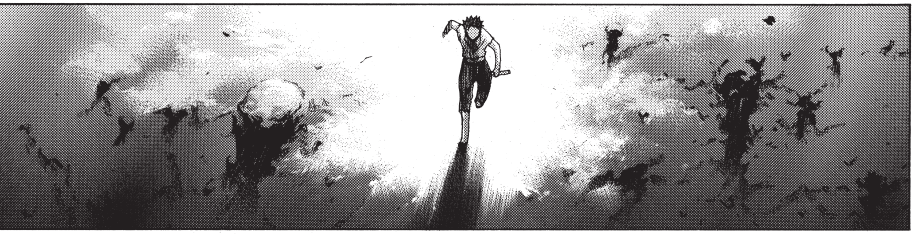
HURRY !!
DOOOM
DOOOM
DOOOM

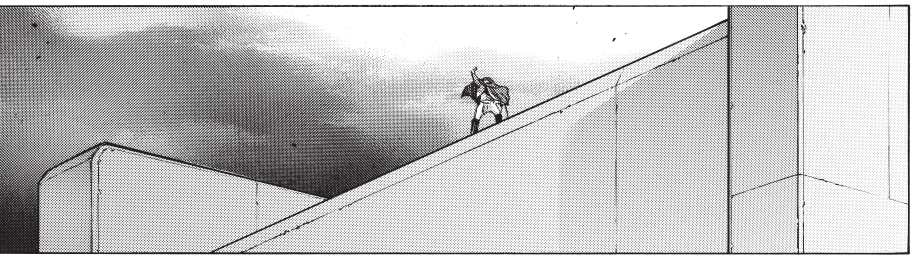


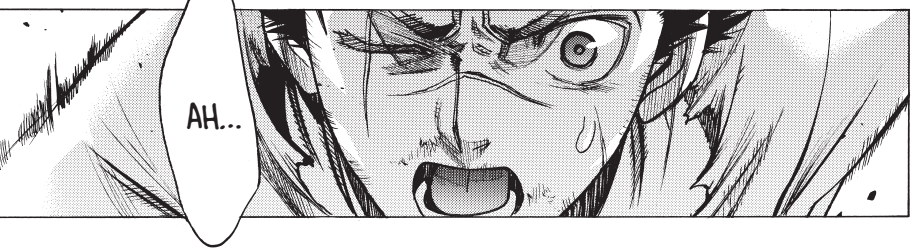

...AND YET...

WHAT IF...
...EVEN IF WE REACH THAT LIGHT, THERE'S NO GUARANTEE WE'LL BE SAVED...

WHAT IF...
THERE'S NOTHING THERE
...?



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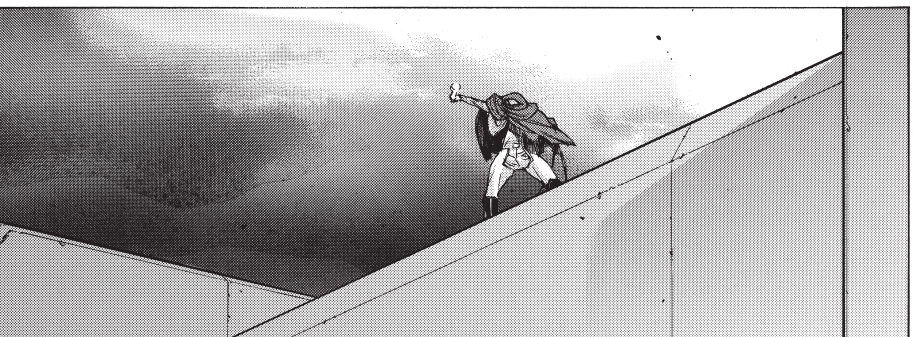
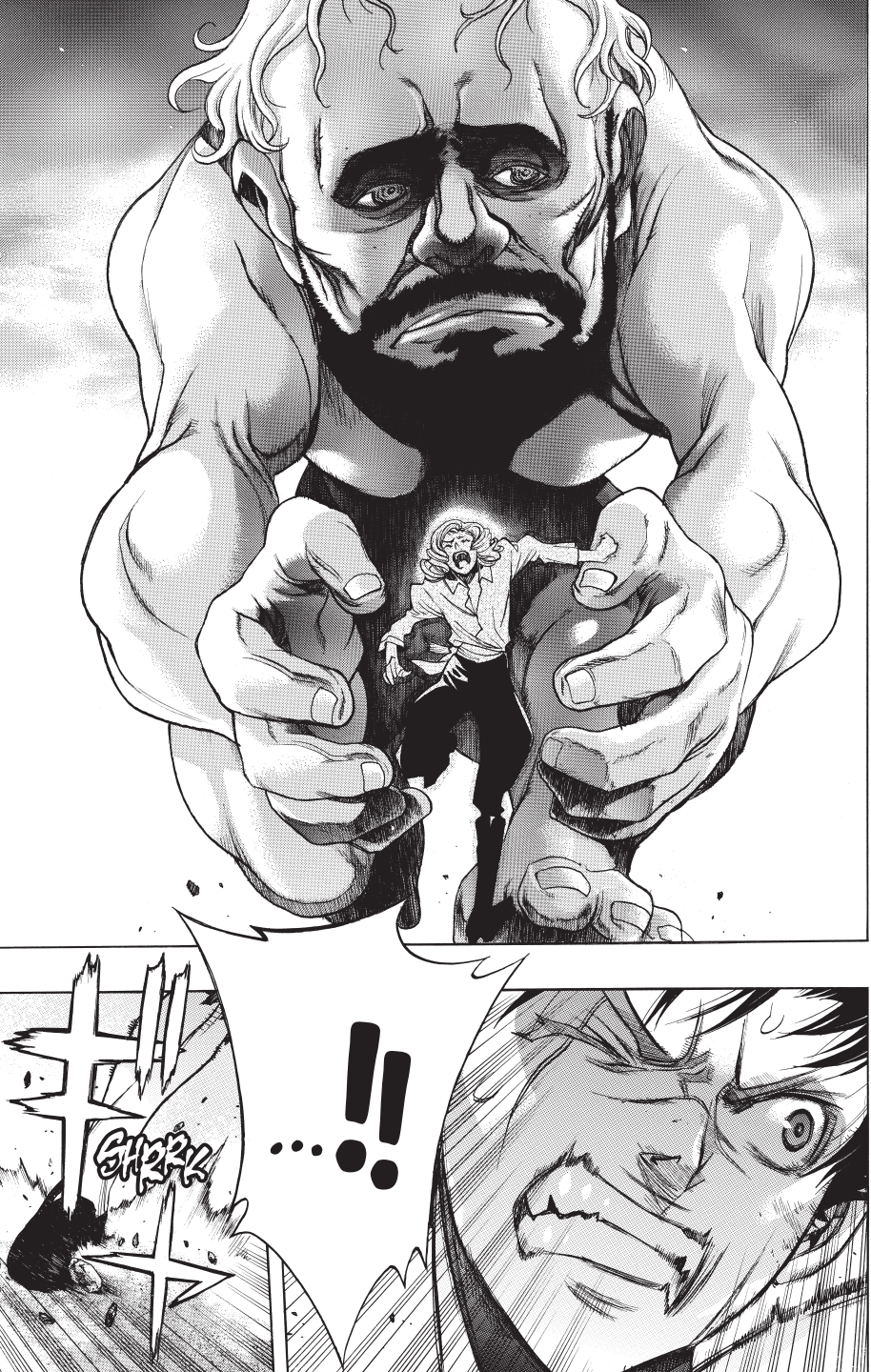


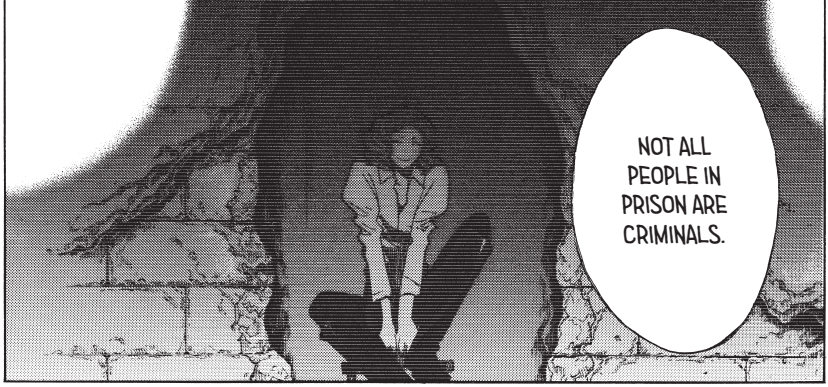
THAT'S HIM...
...FROM BEFORE !!
MAKE HASTE !!!

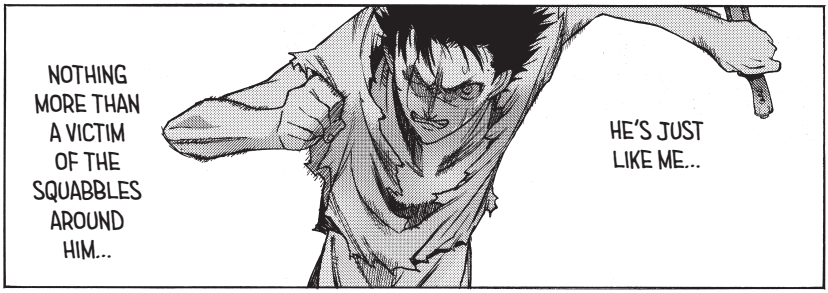
THE TITANS APPROACH !!
WHOOOOSH
DOOOM
GAH!
DASH
A ROPE...!!
BUT ONLY ONE??!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO CLIMB ONE AT A TIME...

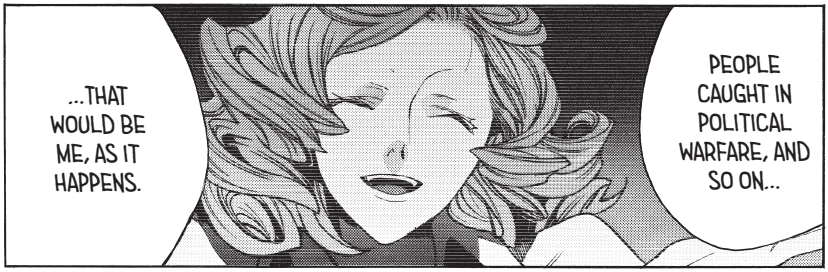
WE BOTH HAVE TO CLIMB AT ONCE...
CARDINA!!!
...HUH?


…!!
SHRRK

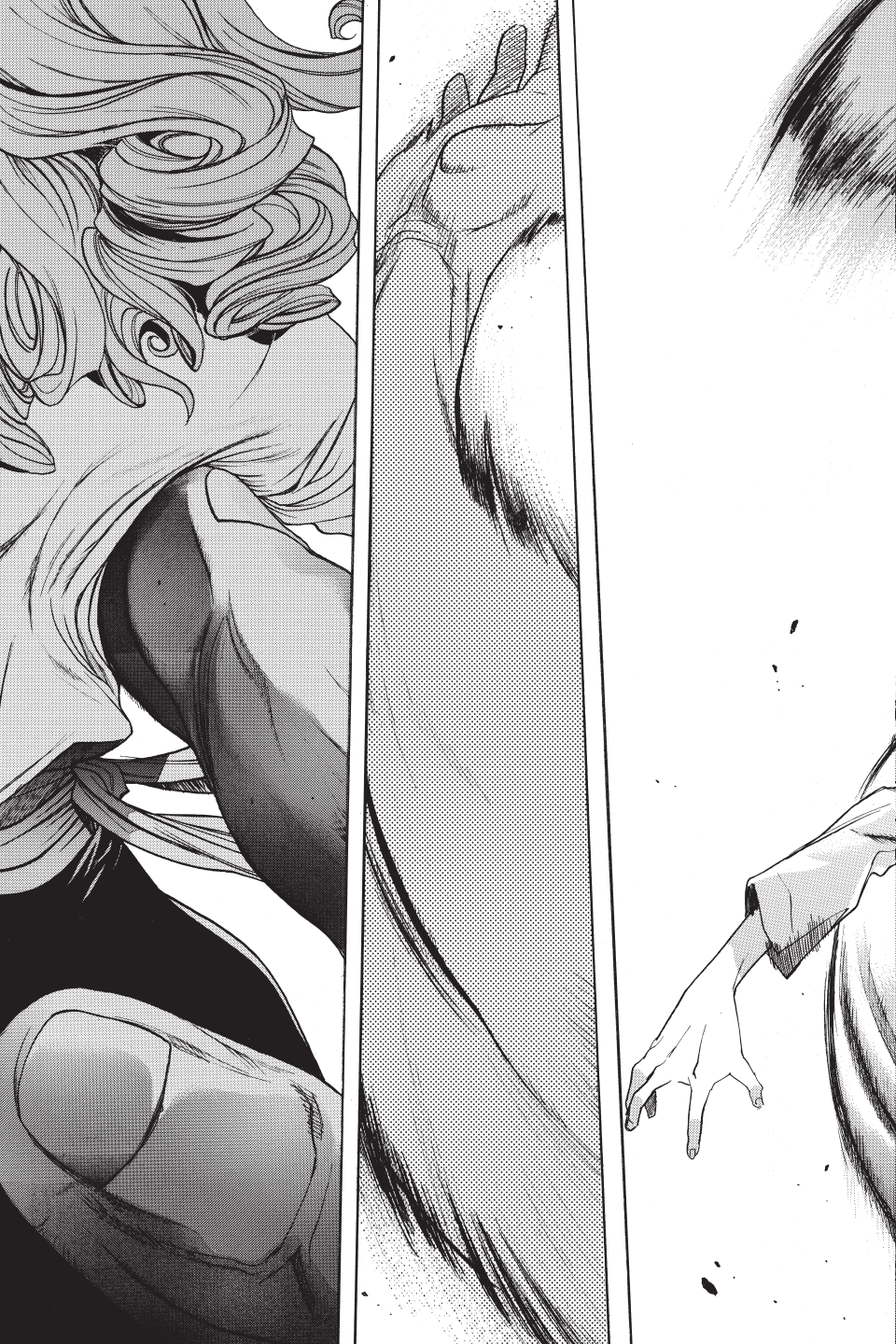
ドゴッ!!!
!!
FORGET ABOUT HIM! YOU CANNOT SAVE HIM!!!


NOT ALL PEOPLE IN PRISON ARE CRIMINALS.


NOTHING MORE THAN A VICTIM OF THE SQUABBLES AROUND HIM...
HE'S JUST LIKE ME...

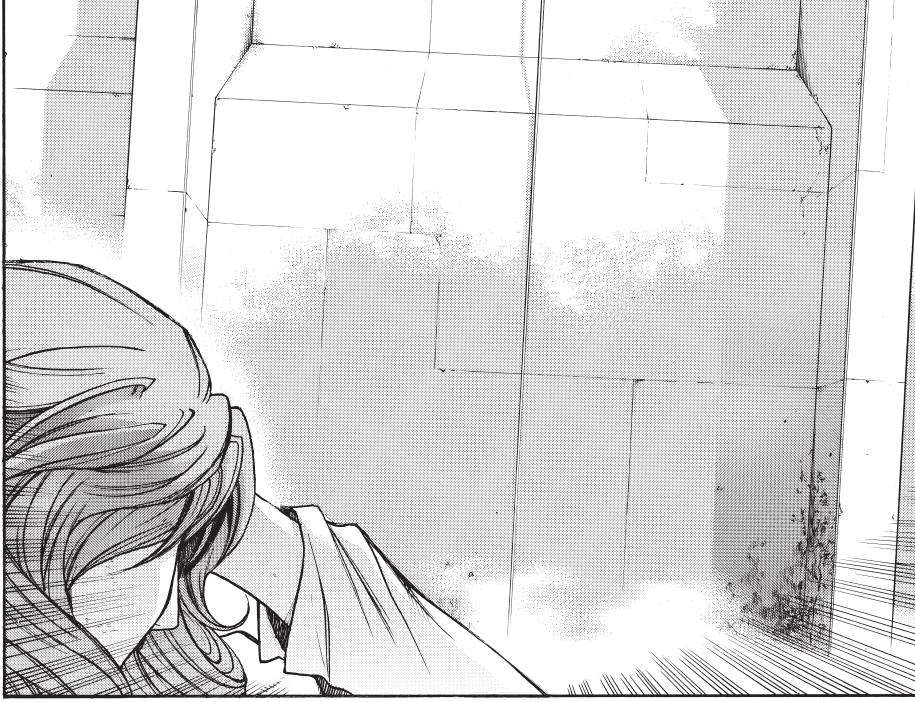

...THAT WOULD BE ME, AS IT HAPPENS.
PEOPLE CAUGHT IN POLITICAL WARFARE, AND SO ON...

THIS IS NOT THE PLACE FOR EITHER OF US TO DIE!!!

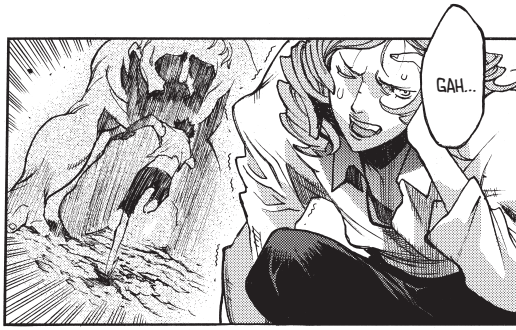


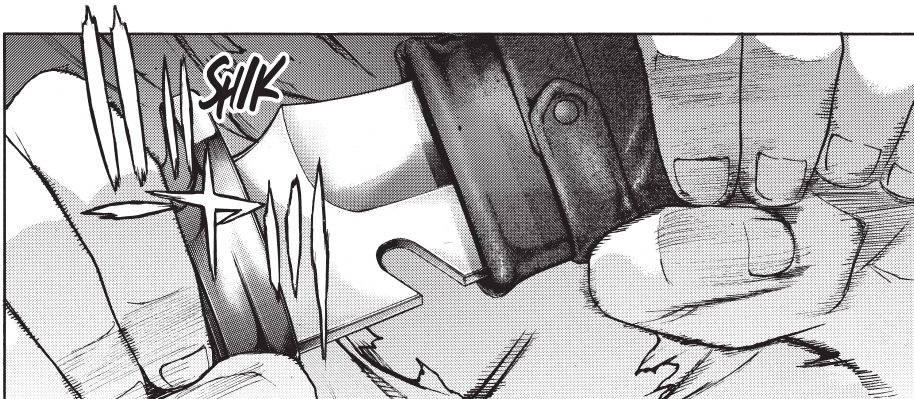
FWAP
CARDINAL!!
SHUD
HE'S ALIVE!!

CARDINA!
RUN !!
R...RUN? BUT...
...TO WHERE ?!
...WALL MARIA...?

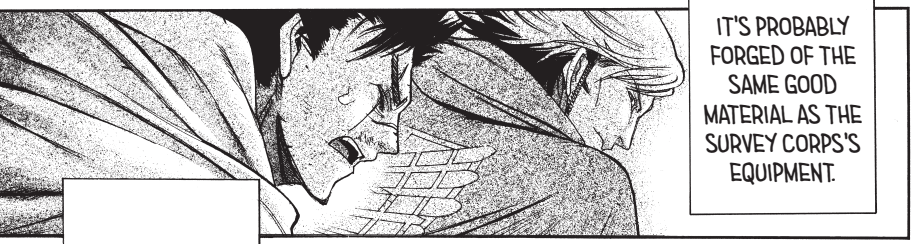


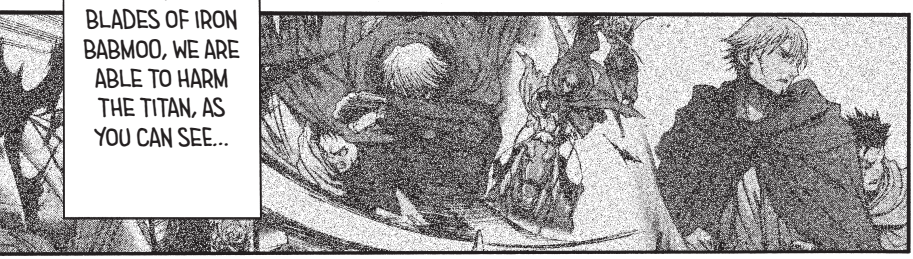
LURCH


GAH...


SLK

I'LL BUY US TIME!!!


IT'S PROBABLY FORGED OF THE SAME GOOD MATERIAL AS THE SURVEY CORPS'S EQUIPMENT.


WITH BLADES OF IRON BABMOO, WE ARE ABLE TO HARM THE TITAN, AS YOU CAN SEE...

THIS ONE IS SMALLER THAN THE TITAN BEFORE... I KNOW I CAN DO THIS!!!

RR

AA
AAAAHH!!

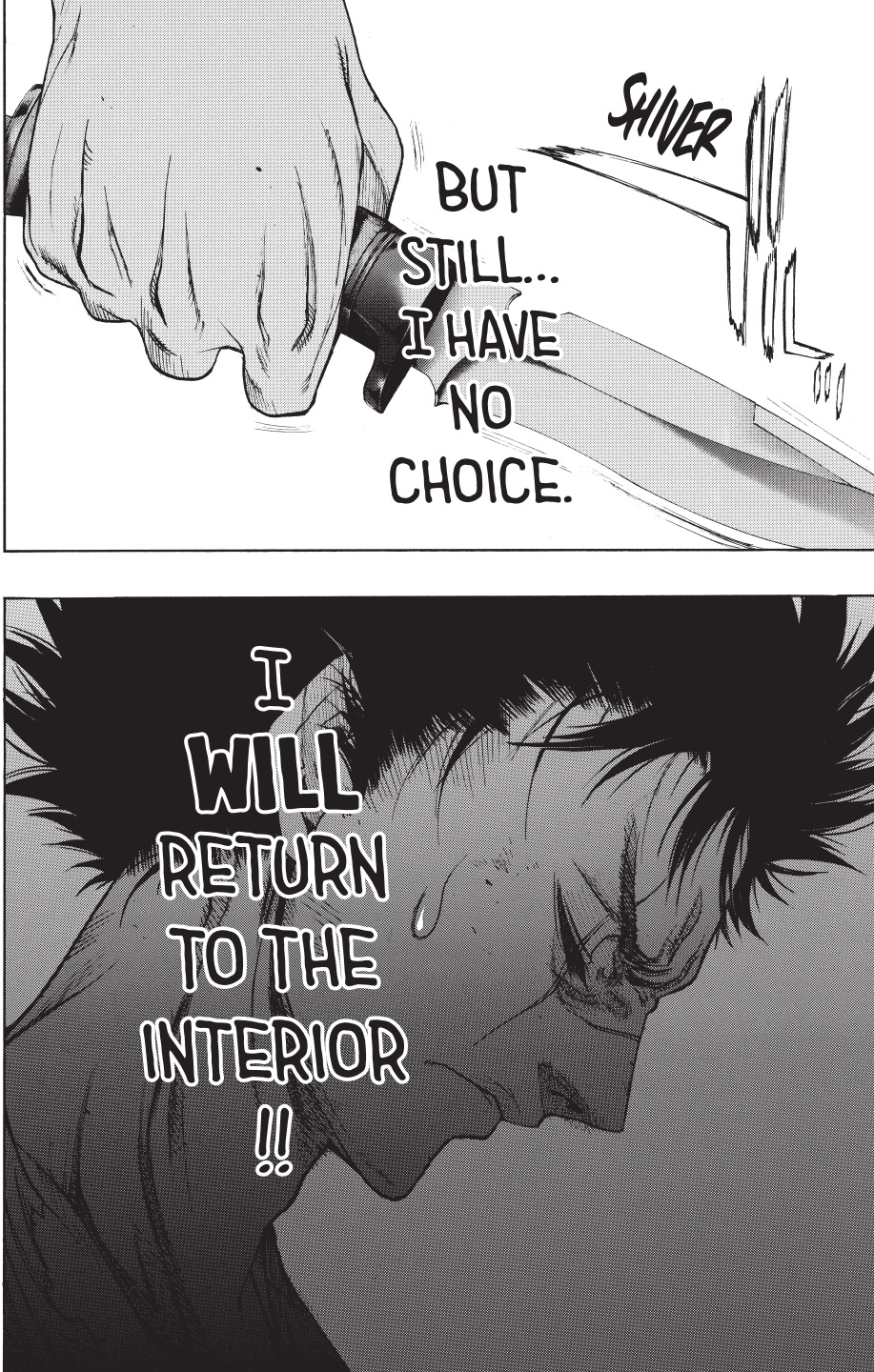
CUT
THROUGH!!!!

GAAAH!
SNAG
GR...
HAK...
GRRK
URGH...
AH!

SHLIK
...!
HNNG...
RR...
RHG...
KAH...
GRRG...
CHOMP
HMF
BSHT

GAAH!!
SHAKK
AAAA
HRG !!
SHWAP

SHIT...
HRG...
ZSH
RGH...
BSHUU
I JUST CAN'T DO IT...
...LIKE THOSE SURVEY CORPS GUYS...
PTU
WHUD
WHUD


SHIVER
BUT STILL... I HAVE NO CHOICE.
I WILL RETURN TO THE INTERIOR !!

...THIS WALL!!
BY CLIMBING...
DSHH
DOOOM
DOOOM
I HAVE TO STOP...
AND IN ORDER TO DO THAT...
DOOOM

...THIS TITAN'S ATTACK !!
KRUNCH
STOMP
HRRG
TMP

WHAM
GOT HIM!!

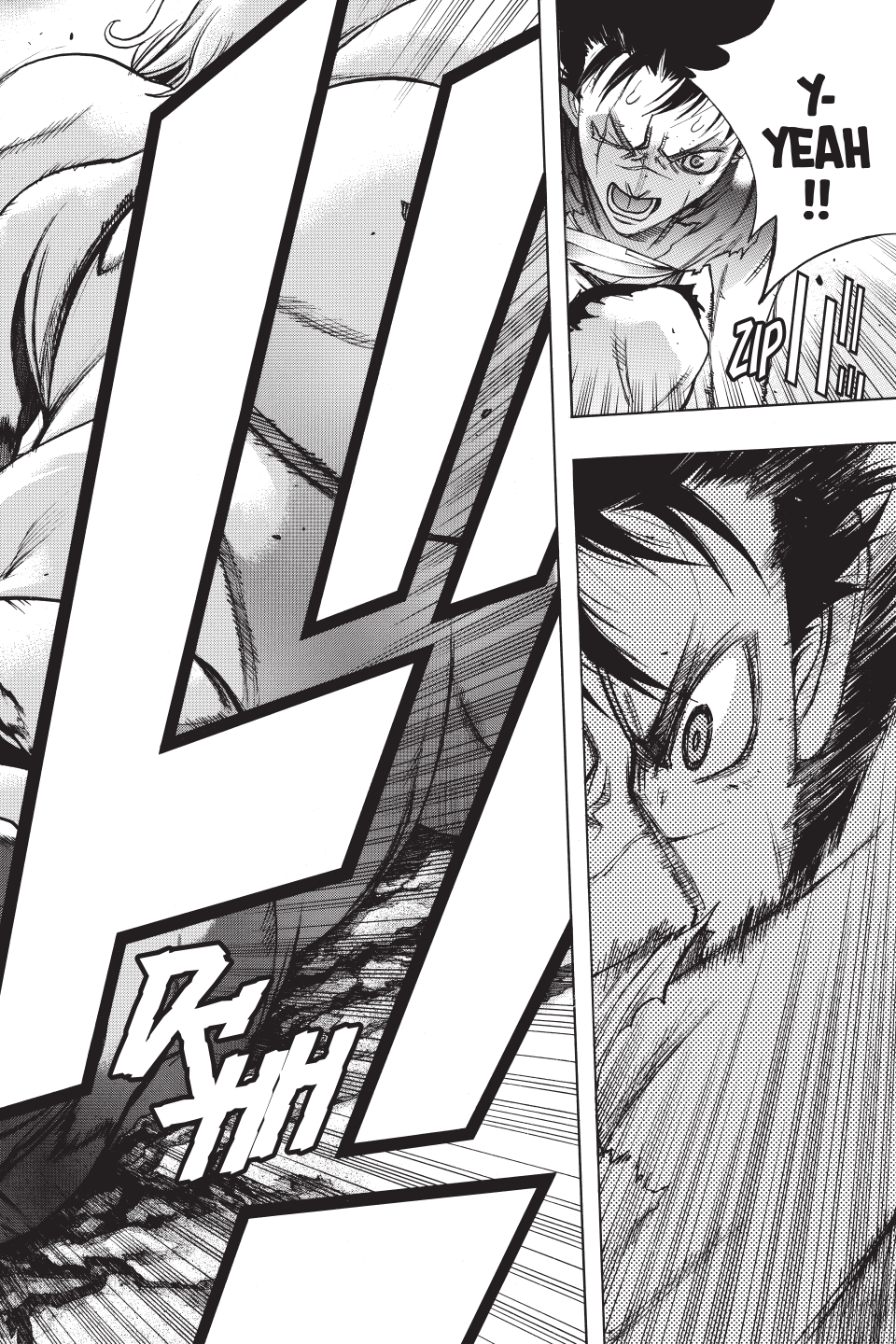
WHOOOSH
RAAH !!
DSHUDD
!!
RGH...

A
HH!!
GRRK
OH NO...MY HANDS... ARE TRAPPED!
AAH...
CRK
GRKK
GAHK!
...NOT YET...
AH...
N...
AH...
CRIK CRIK
RRH...
RH...

THUMP
THIS IS NOT...
AAA
...THE END FOR ME!!
AAA

DA—
KRK…
DAMN IT AAAAAAAALL!

LURCH
THUD
KUKLO!
NOW
!!


Y-
YEAH
!!
ZIP
RHH

GAAH!!

CRUKK
LURCH
DOOM
RUN, CARDINA !!

IT BOUGHT US TIME, NOTHING MORE! GET TO THE ROPE!!
THAT ONLY STOPPED THE TITAN FOR NOW!
...I WOULD DO IRREPARABLE HARM TO THE BAUMEISTER NAME!
RATTLE
IF I ABANDONED THE MAN WHO SAVED MY LIFE TWICE...
RATTLE
BE-CAUSE !!
WHY DID YOU COME BACK?!
FFT
REALLY ...?
!

KA
DOOM
WHOA
!!
WHA—
?!
RMBL
RMBL
RMBL
DID THAT TITAN FALL FROM THE SKY...?!
!!

WHEN DID SO MANY OF THEM GET HERE?!
VWOOOOSH

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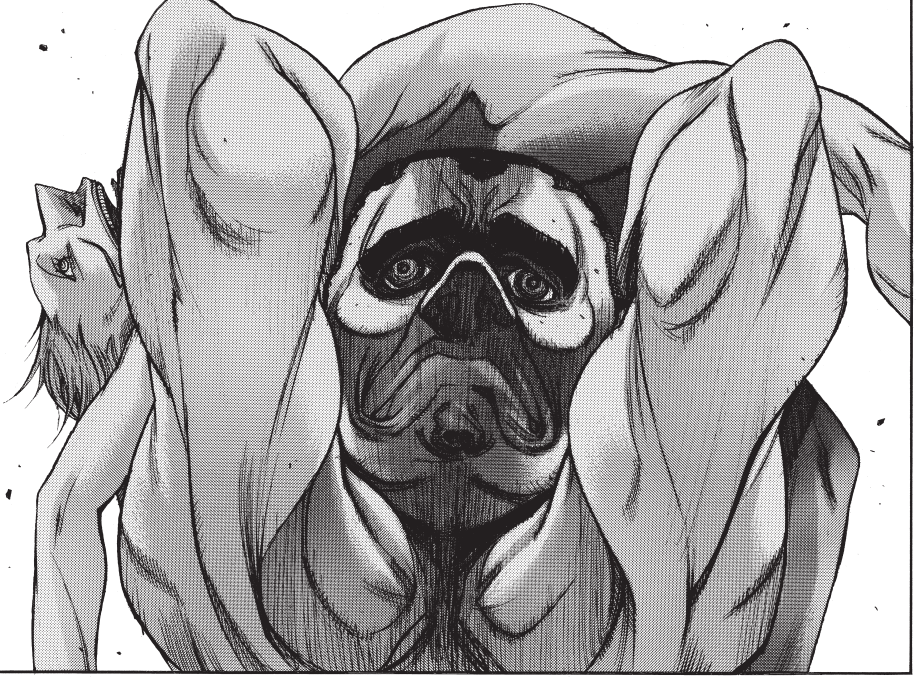
ATTACK
ON TITAN
BEFORE THE FALL



HRRK
HRRK
HRRK

Chapter 13: Left for Dead

WHOAA!!
THWUMP
LOOK OUT, KUKLO!!
THEY'RE COMING FROM BEHIND!
!!
ZSH
THUD
UGH...
WHUD
WHUD
FLOP FLOP
GREEE
WHUMP

USE ME AS A STEP TO LEAP OVER THE TITAN!!
WHUD
WHUD
CARDINA !!
HMPH
B-BUT ...
THUMP
THUD
I'LL CATCH UP TO YOU!!
JUST SHUT UP...
...AND JUMP !!
WHAM

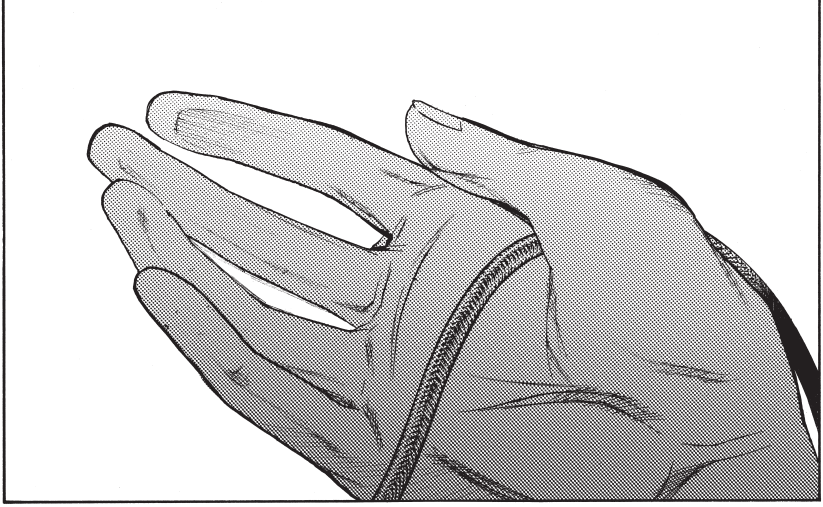
グ
HRRG
ZWOOSH
ドッ
チャッ
KSHAKK
あAあA
あAあH

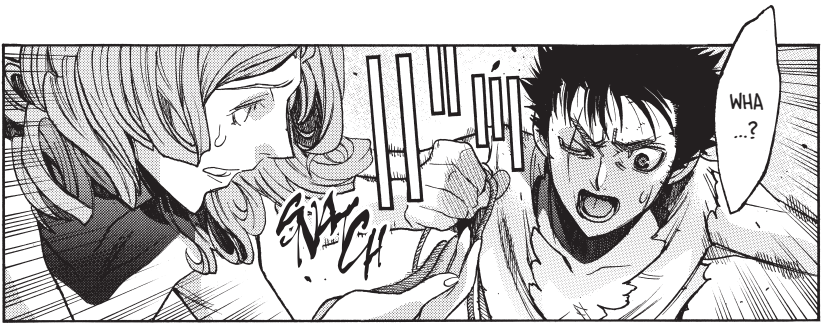
HRRP
あA
あA
あA
あAあAHHHあ
あA
あA
あA
あA
あA
あ
WHUMP

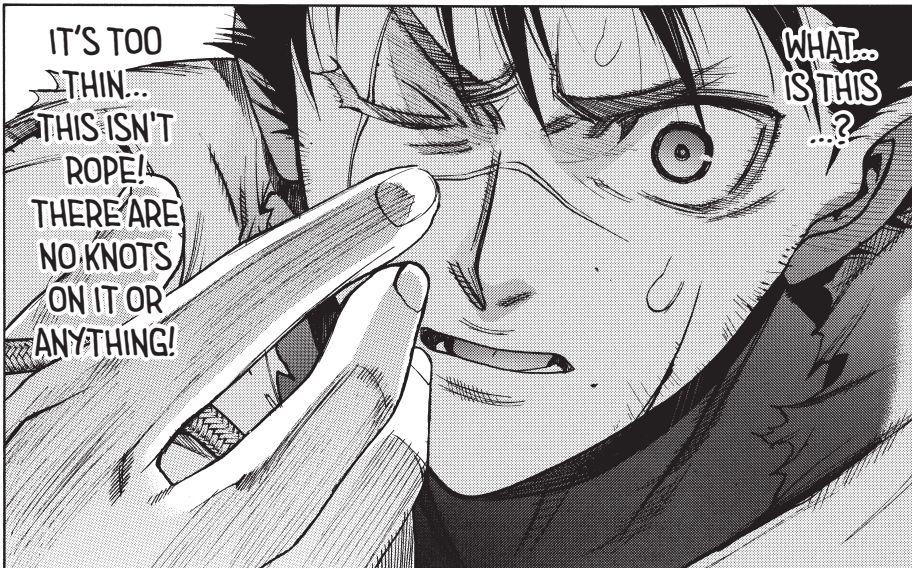
SPLAT
KSHUMP

KA-DOOOM

DASH
WHY DON'T YOU CLIMB ?!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, CARDINA ?!
K... KUKLO...

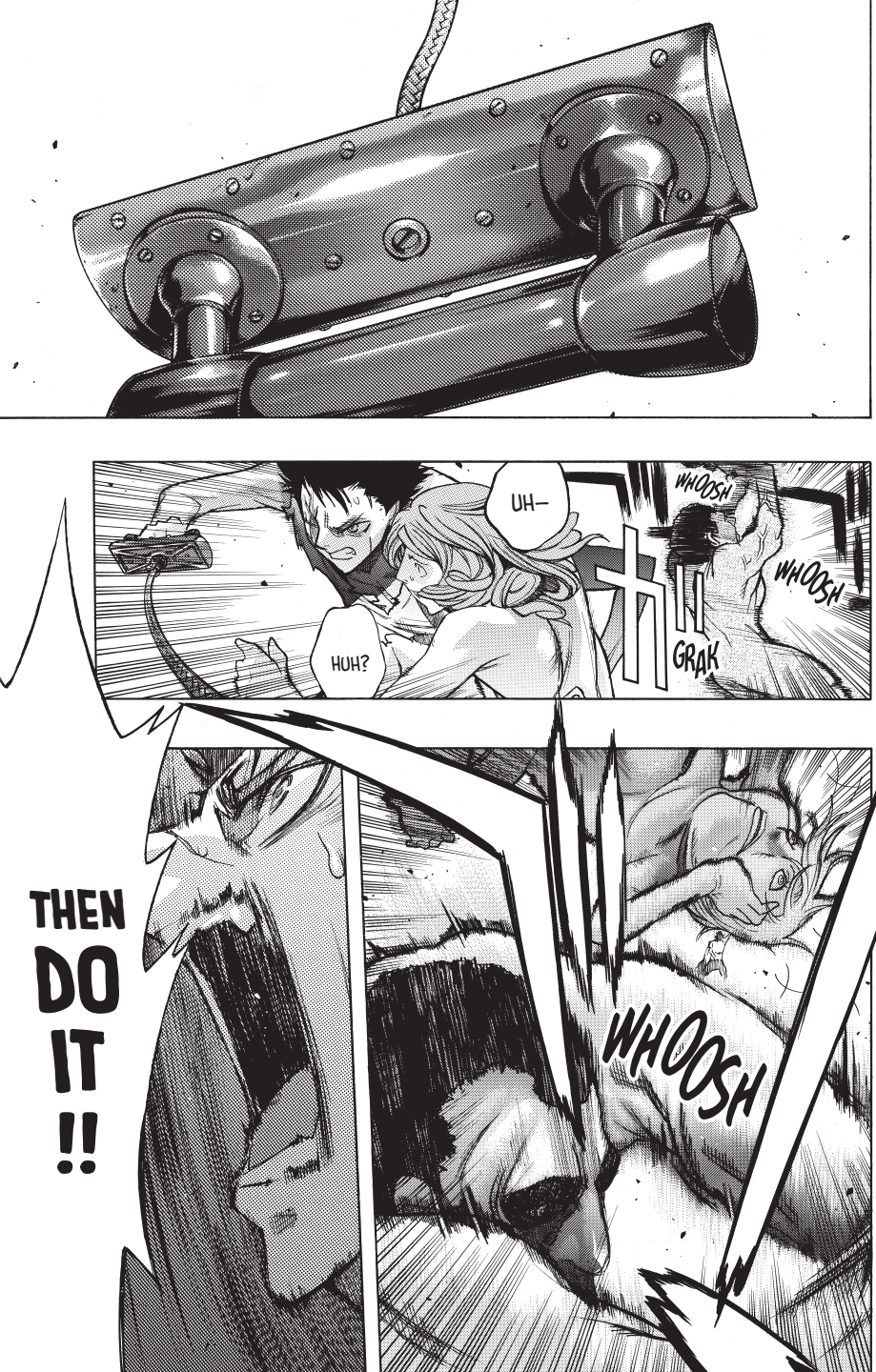


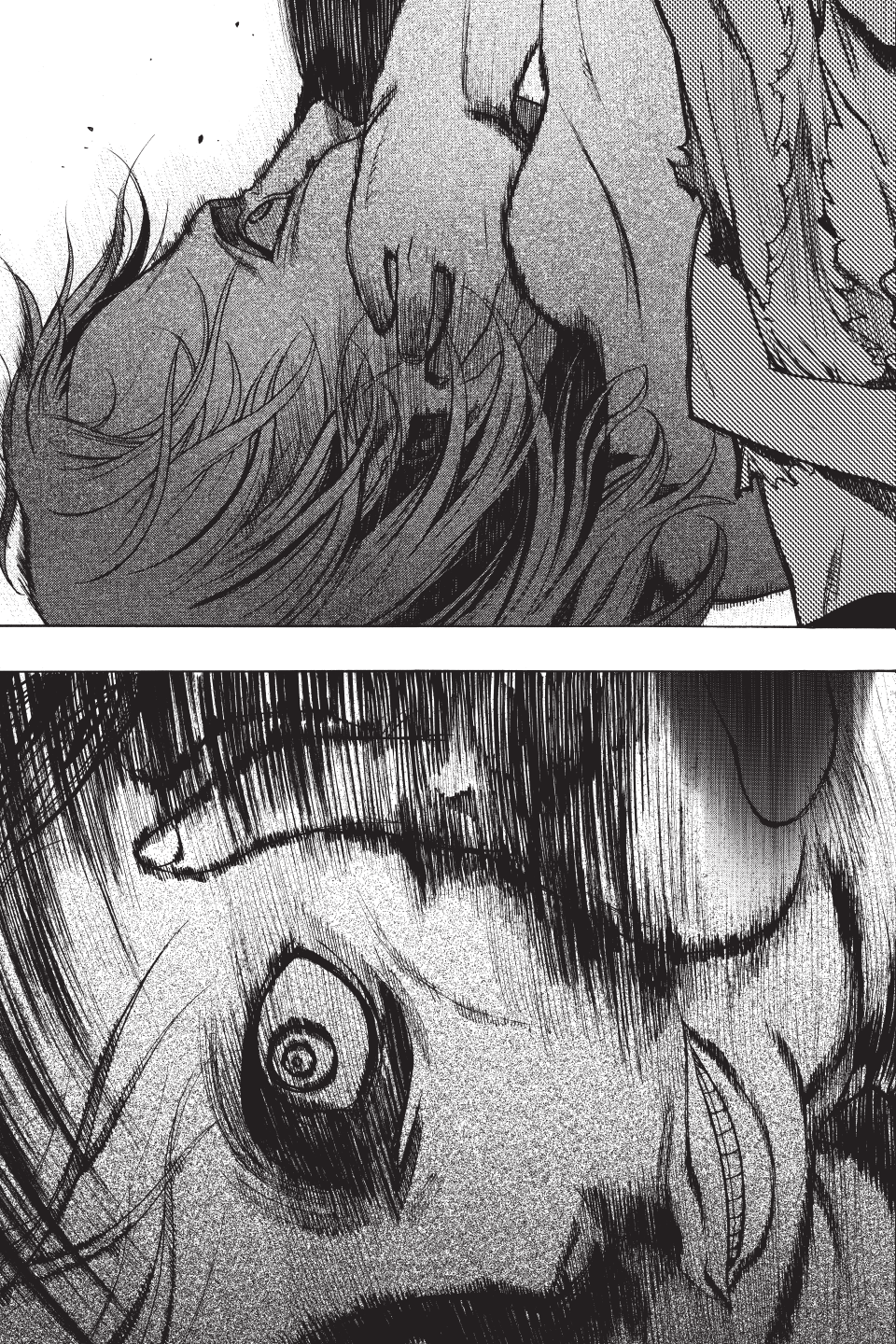

WHA ...?
SWITCH


IT'S TOO THIN... THIS ISN'T ROPE! THERE ARE NO KNOTS ON IT OR ANYTHING!
WHAT... IS THIS ...?

!!
WHOOOSH
GRAK
WHOOOOSH
HNG...
IT'S THE END OF A WIRE !!!

GRAB THE HANDLE AT THE END!!!
?!
I'LL PULL YOU UP !!!
Ugh

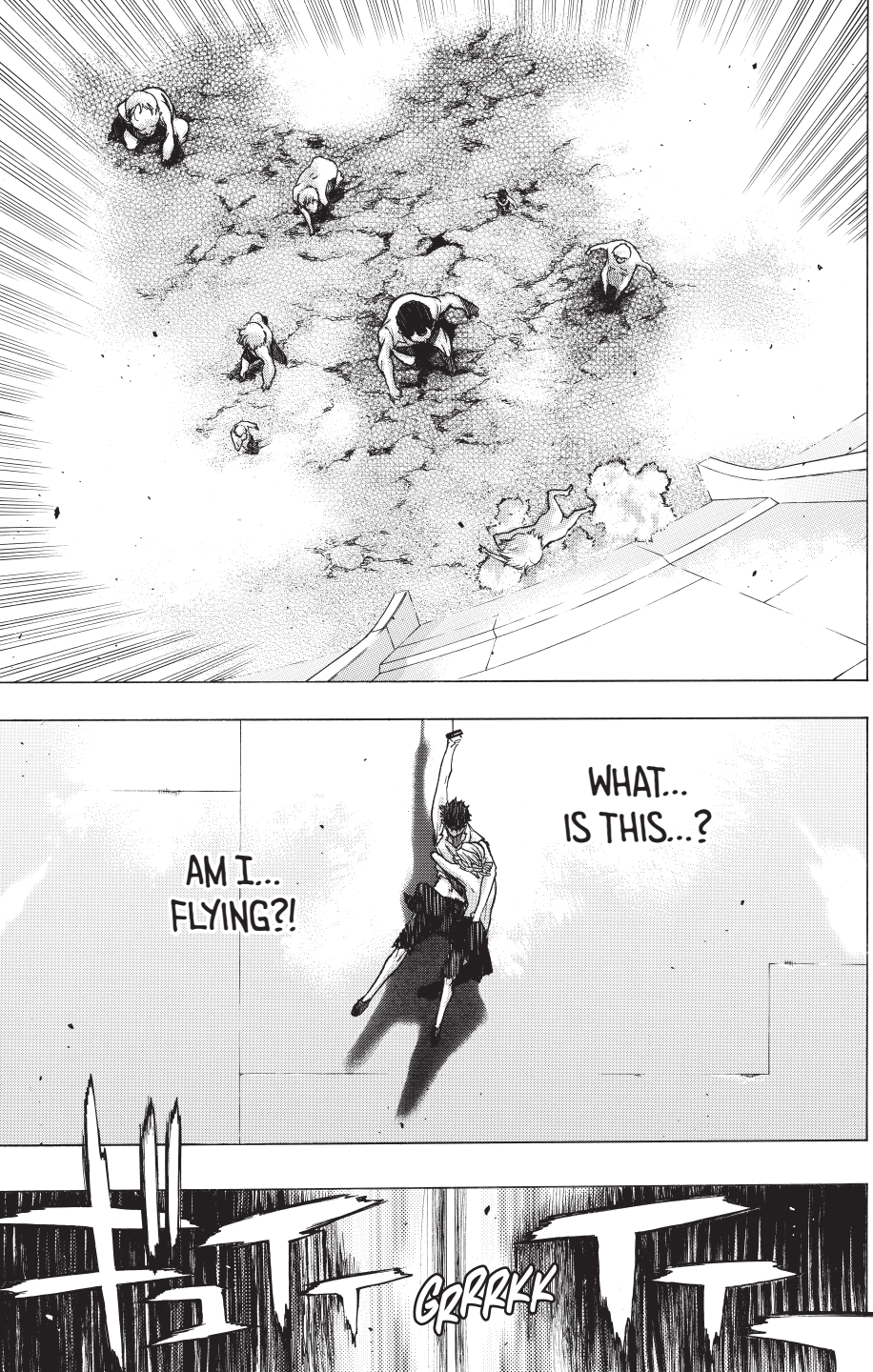

UH—
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
HUH?
GRAK
THEN DO IT !!
WHOOSH



VREEEE
HRG!
AH
AA
AAH
KRK

GAAAA
AAAAH!!

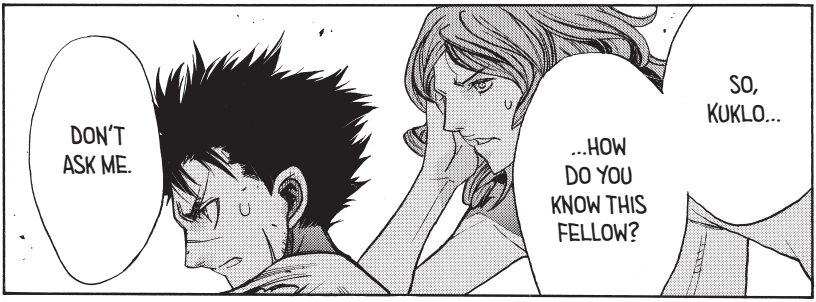
...!!
SHUP
GRRRK

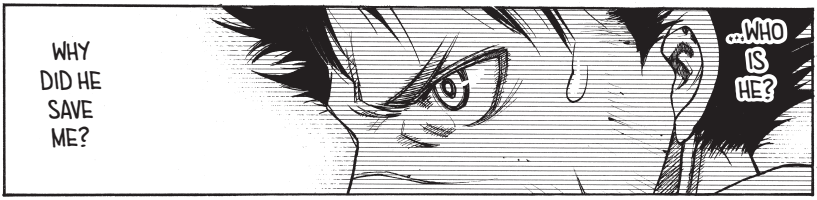

WHAT...
IS THIS...?
AM I...
FLYING?!
GRRRKK

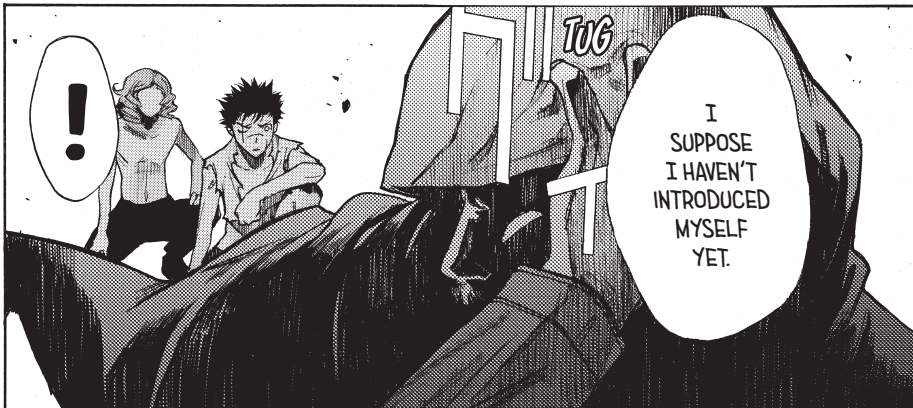
HUFF!
THUMP
HUFF!
ヒュWH ウO ウO O ウO ウS ウH
HUFF!
HUFF!
KCHING

FLAP
FLAP
TH-THANK YOU. YOU SAVED US...
...

WHOOOOSH
UH...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
INDEED.

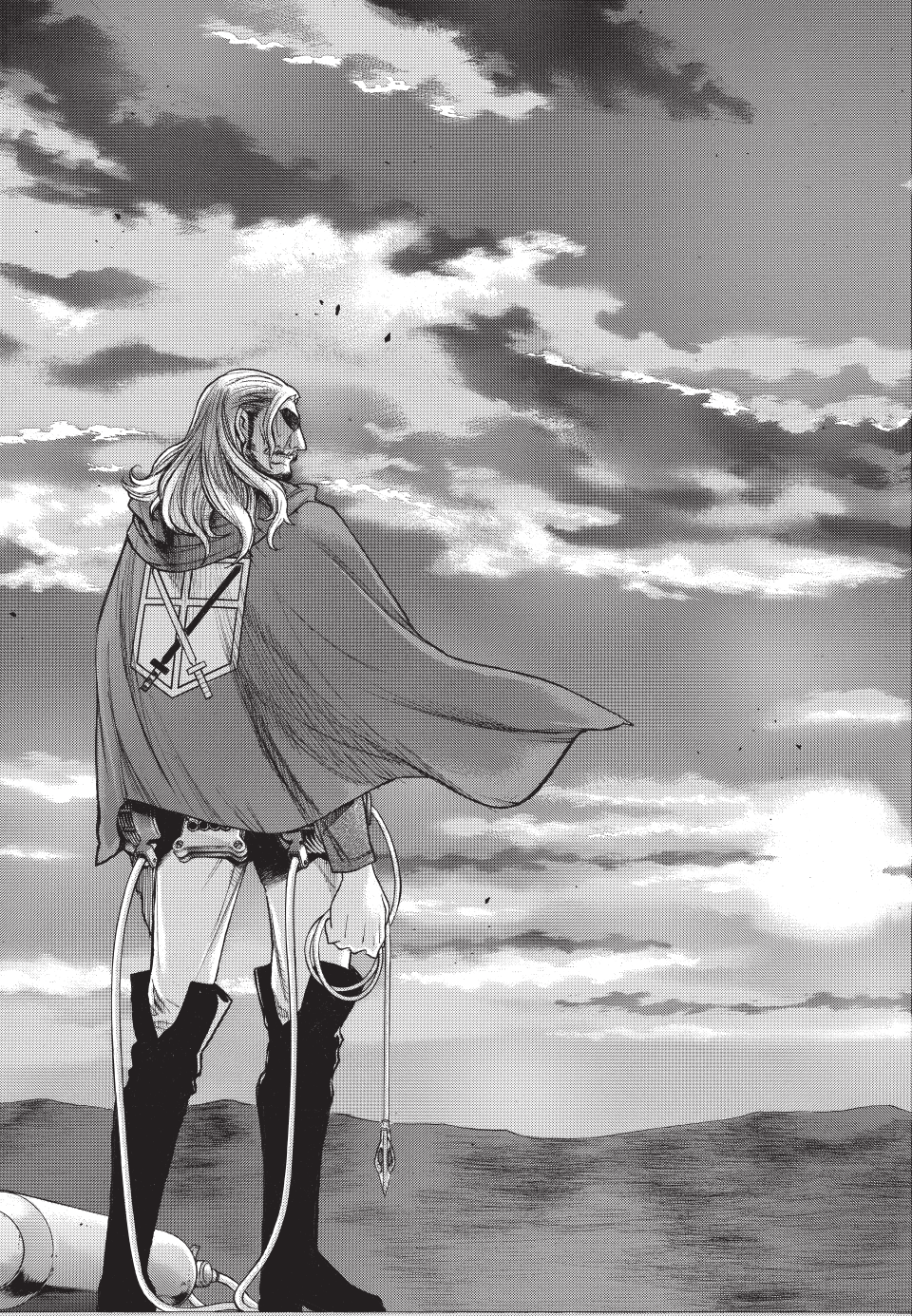

SO, KUKLO...
...HOW DO YOU KNOW THIS FELLOW?
DON'T ASK ME.

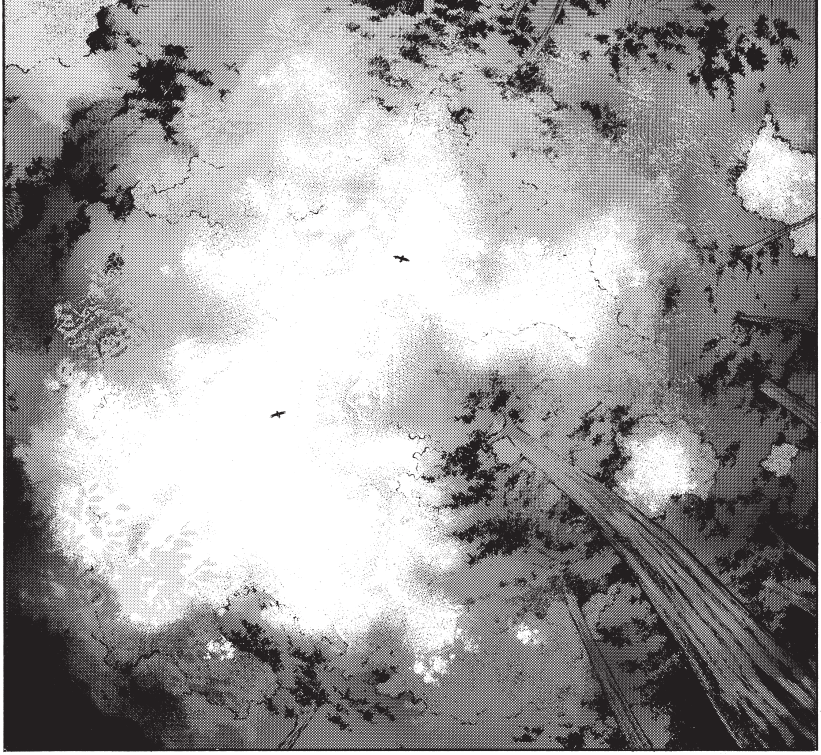

...WHO IS HE?
WHY DID HE SAVE ME?

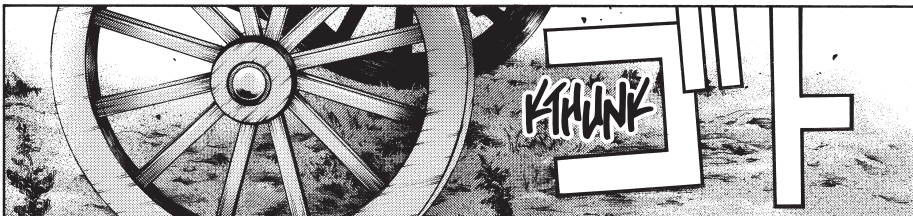

TUG
!
I SUPPOSE I HAVEN'T INTRODUCED MYSELF YET.

IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU, KUKLO... IF I MAY CALL YOU THAT?
HUH?! AH—! IT CAN'T BE...
THE HERO ...
I'M JORGE PIKALE ...
...INSTRUCTION OFFICER FOR THE MILITARY TRAINING CORPS.

...JORGE THE HERO!!
THE FIRST HUMAN BEING TO EVER DEFEAT A TITAN...



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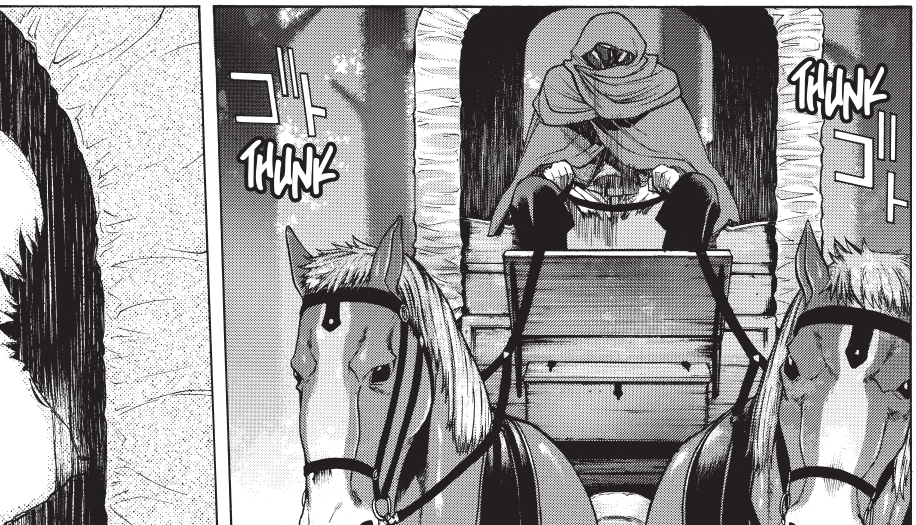
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THUNK
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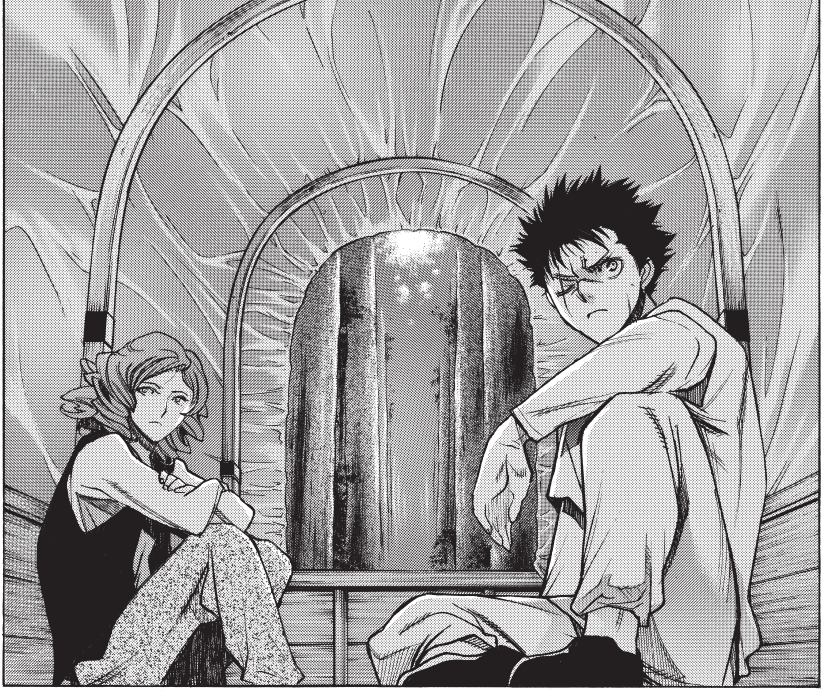

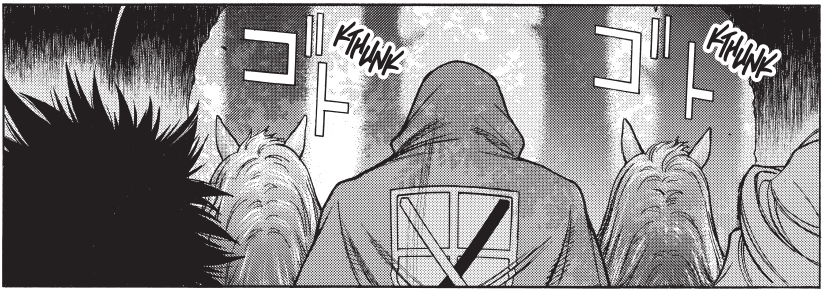
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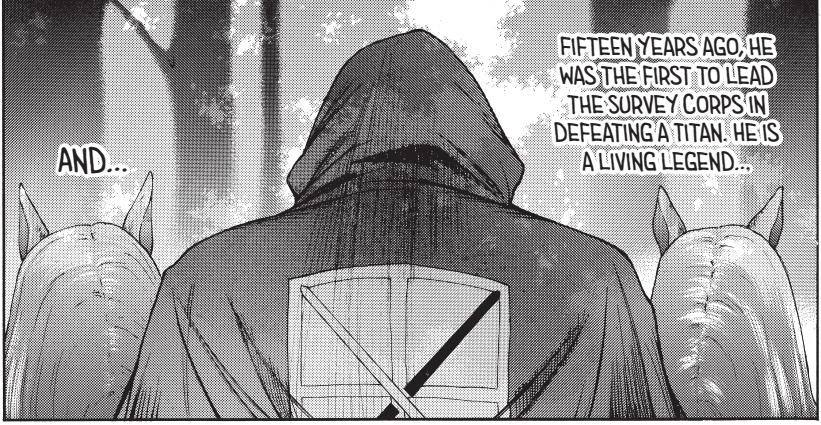
IN A BOOK, I READ ABOUT...
..."JORGE THE HERO"...


AND...
FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, HE WAS THE FIRST TO LEAD THE SURVEY CORPS IN DEFEATING A TITAN. HE IS A LIVING LEGEND...

...HE IS THE FATHER OF CAPTAIN CARLO, THE CURRENT LEADER OF THE SURVEY CORPS...

...WHY WOULD THAT HERO SAVE ME?
BUT...

DID CARLO ASK YOU TO DO THIS?
DID HE–

I HEARD ABOUT AN INTERESTING AND WORTHWHILE MAN.
KTHUNK
ゴト
...WHY DIDN'T YOU DO SOMETHING BEFORE ?!
IF THAT IS SO...
SO I TOOK IT UPON MYSELF TO COME AND SEE.
KTHUNK
ゴト
ON PURPOSE ?!
SO I WAITED FOR THEM TO CARRY OUT YOUR SENTENCE.
I DID NOT HAVE THE TIME TO PROVE YOUR INNOCENCE, OR PACIFY THE PRISON GUARDS.
I WOULD HAVE, IF IT WERE POSSIBLE.
AND **THAT** WAS THE POINT.
WE NEARLY DIED OUT THERE!

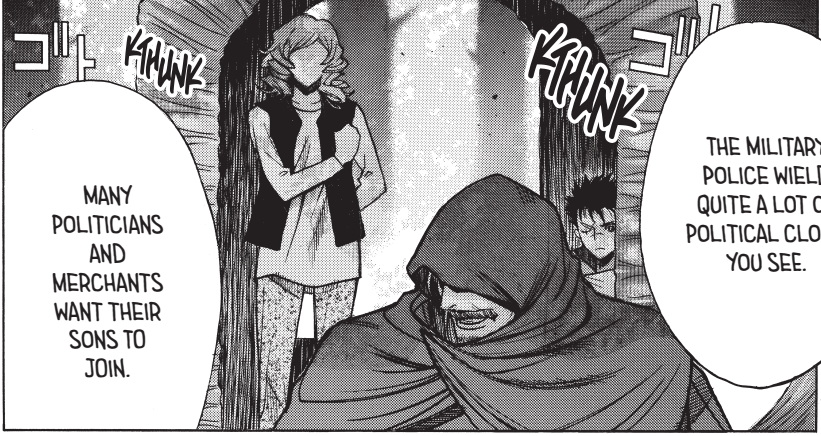
...HE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE SPECIAL QUALITIES OF THE "EXILE" SENTENCE.
HUH?
HE'S SAYING...
THAT IS CORRECT.
THE SENTENCE OF **EXILE**...
...IN WHICH THE PRISONER IS INHUMANELY EXECUTED BY RELEASING HIM TO THE MERCY OF THE TITANS, DOES NOT EXIST ON PAPER.

IF SUCH A PUNISHMENT WERE MADE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, IT WOULD CAUSE GREAT MISTRUST OF THE MILITARY POLICE... IF NOT THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT ITSELF.
AS SOON AS THE SENTENCE IS CARRIED OUT, YOU ARE OFFICIALLY "DEAD."
EXILE IS RESERVED FOR THOSE SPECIAL PRISONERS WHO CANNOT BE PUBLICLY SENTENCED.
THUNK
THE MP BRIGADE WILL NOT BOTHER TO CHASE YOU NOW.
IN OTHER WORDS, EXILE BEYOND WALL MARIA MEANS DEATH.
...YOU **NEEDED** ME TO BE EXILED BEYOND THE WALL?
...MEANING...

SO...
IT'S A MIRACLE THAT WE WERE SAVED.
WELL, WE COULD EASILY HAVE DIED.
IF I'D BEEN GOBBLED UP BY ONE OF THE TITANS AND DIED...
...THEN THAT WAS WHAT FATE HAD IN STORE FOR ME, NOTHING MORE.
HUH?
ゴト THUNK
THUNK ゴト
FORGIVE ME.
KUKLO...

I DIDN'T HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION.
IT SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN A LAST-SECOND RESCUE.
BUT...
...BECAUSE OF THAT, I WAS ABLE TO SAVE ANOTHER LIFE THAT I DIDN'T EXPECT.
TH...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
INSTRUCTOR JORGE !!
THUD
ZWIP
?
YOU KNOW HIM?
THUNK
THUNK
HE IS MY PUPIL.

YOU?! YOU'RE IN THE MILITARY?!
HEH HEH.
WELL... I WAS
I DROPPED OUT WHILE IN TRAINING.
I DON'T STRIKE YOU AS SOLDIER MATERIAL, DO I?
...
MY PARENTS INSISTED I BECOME AN MP, THOUGH ...
YOU COULD HAVE BEEN IN THE TOP TEN, CARDINA.
"TOP TEN"?
OH, PLEASE.
DEPENDING ON YOUR MARKS IN THE TRAINING CORPS, YOU'RE FREE TO CHOOSE THE MPS AS YOUR ASSIGNMENT AFTER YOU GRADUATE.
THAT WAS MEANT TO BE MY FAST TRACK TO SUCCESS.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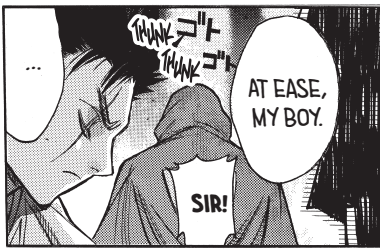
MANY POLITICIANS AND MERCHANTS WANT THEIR SONS TO JOIN.
THE MILITARY POLICE WIELD QUITE A LOT OF POLITICAL CLOUT, YOU SEE.

...DARIO WANTED XAVI FOR THE MP BRIGADE...
THAT'S WHY...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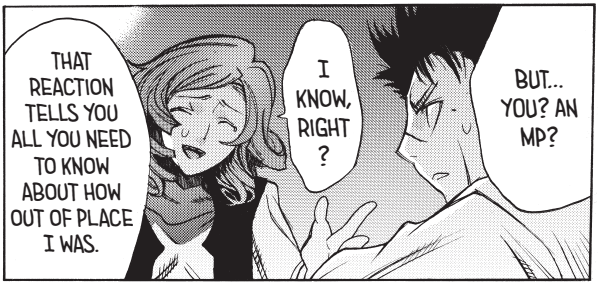
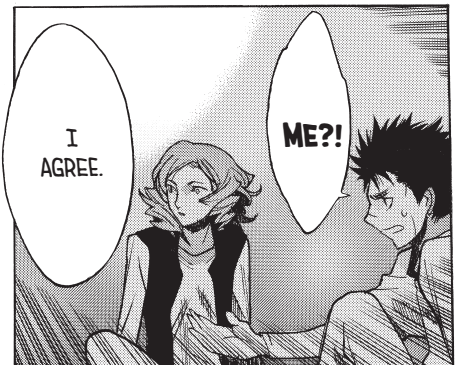
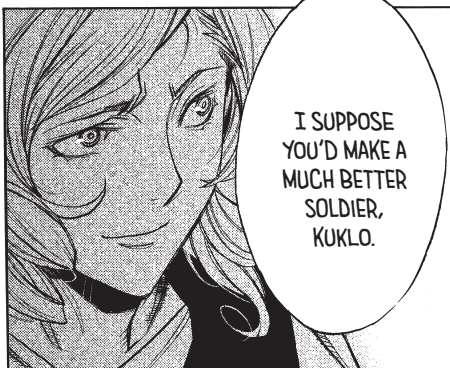
THUNK ゴト THUNK ゴト
AT EASE, MY BOY.
SIR!

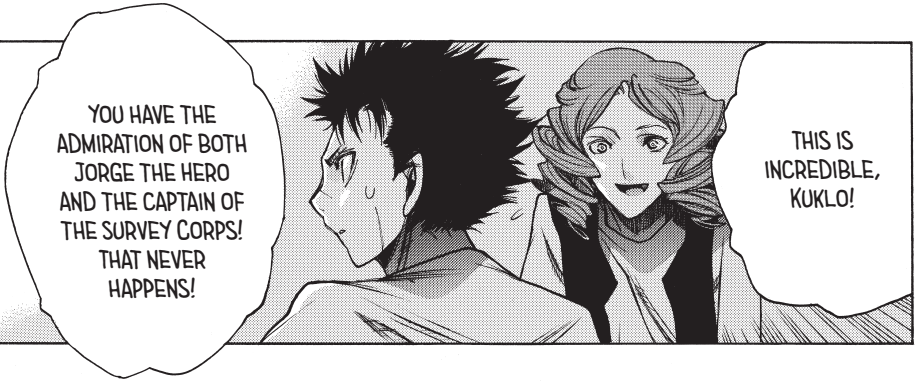

THAT REACTION TELLS YOU ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HOW OUT OF PLACE I WAS.
I KNOW, RIGHT?
BUT... YOU? AN MP?

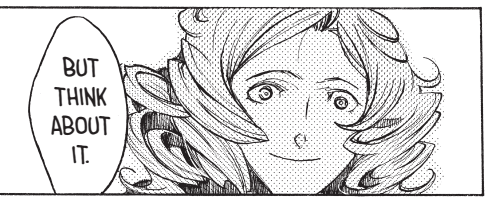
HAHHH...
THUMP ドス


I AGREE.
ME?!

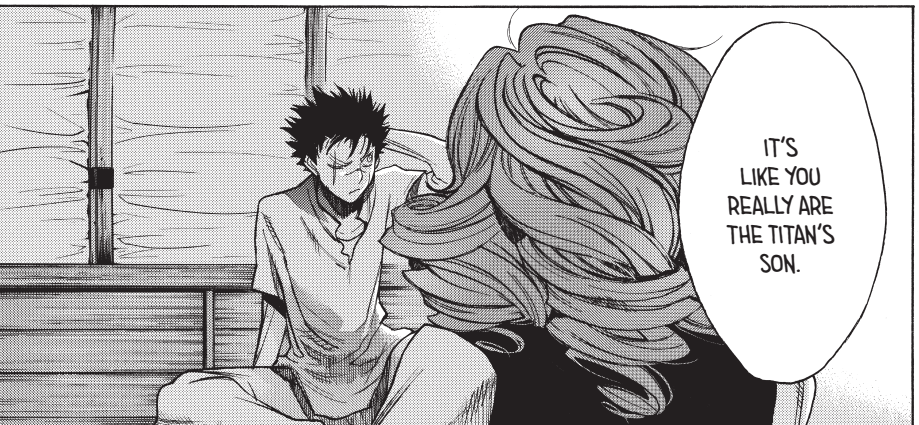

I SUPPOSE YOU'D MAKE A MUCH BETTER SOLDIER, KUKLO.

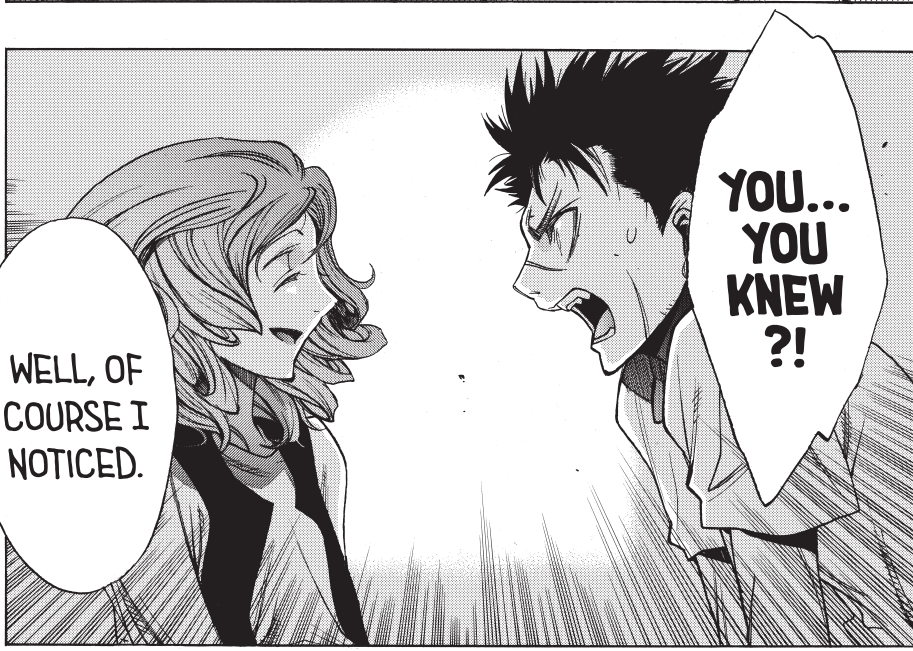
THUNK THUNK
I BELIEVE THAT HIS ASSESSMENT WAS CORRECT.
AND MY SON HAD THE SAME IDEA.

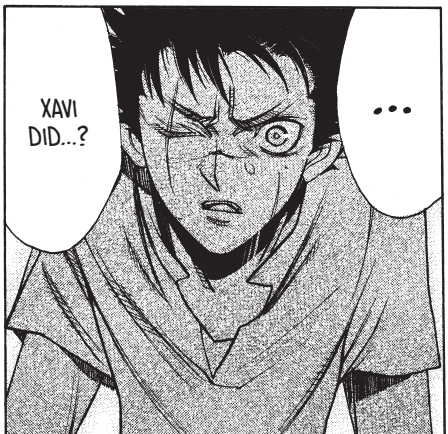

YOU HAVE THE ADMIRATION OF BOTH JORGE THE HERO AND THE CAPTAIN OF THE SURVEY CORPS! THAT NEVER HAPPENS!
THIS IS INCREDIBLE, KUKLO!


BUT THINK ABOUT IT.

I'M SURE IT'S VERY ENTERTAIN-ING TO **YOU**...

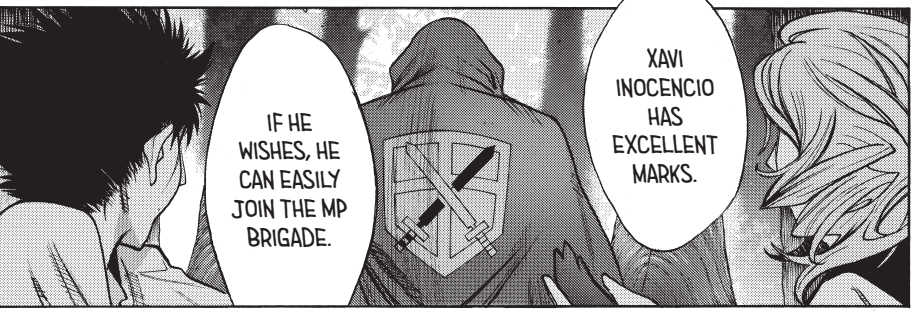

IT'S LIKE YOU REALLY ARE THE TITAN'S SON.

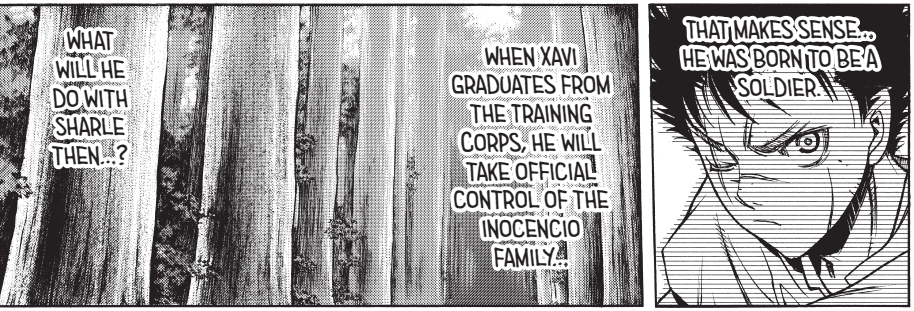

YOU... YOU KNEW ?!
WELL, OF COURSE I NOTICED.


...
XAVI DID...?

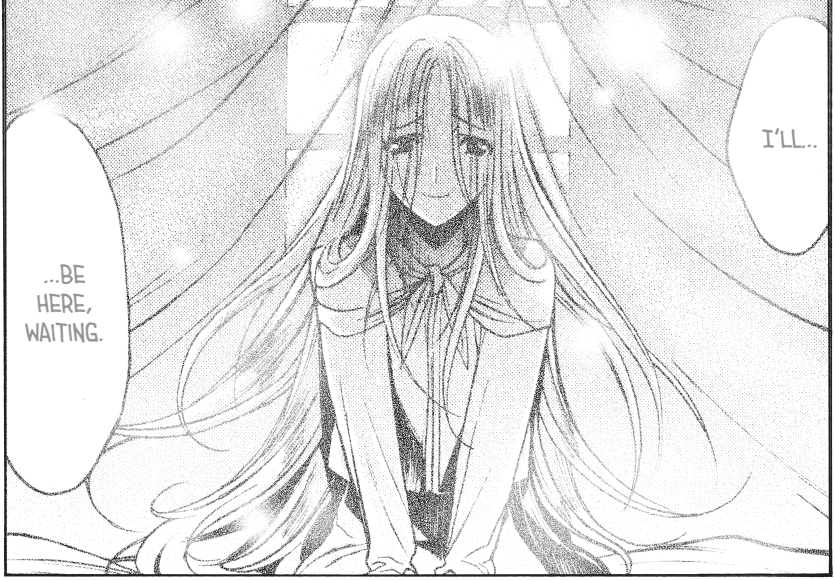
HE ALWAYS BRAGGED ABOUT CUTTING OUT YOUR RIGHT EYE.

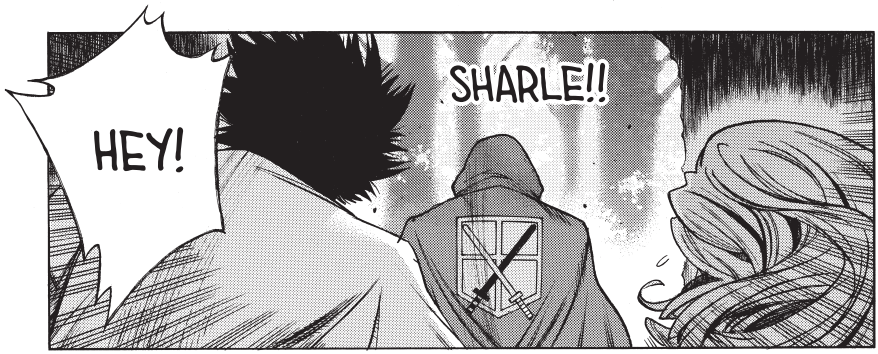
OUR FAMILIES KNEW EACH OTHER WELL, AND WE WERE IN THE SAME CLASS IN THE TRAINING CORPS.
HE TALKED ABOUT YOU QUITE A LOT.
I GOT BORED OF HEARING THE SAME STORIES SO MANY TIMES.

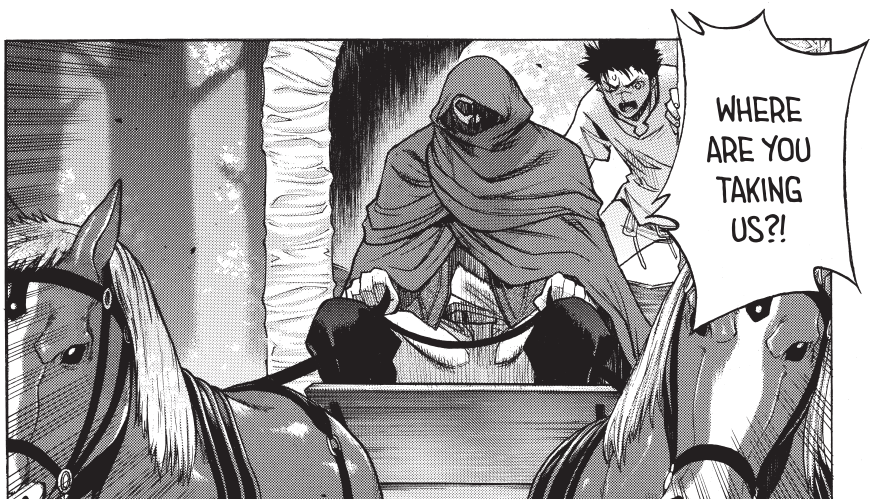

XAVI INOCENCIO HAS EXCELLENT MARKS.
IF HE WISHES, HE CAN EASILY JOIN THE MP BRIGADE.

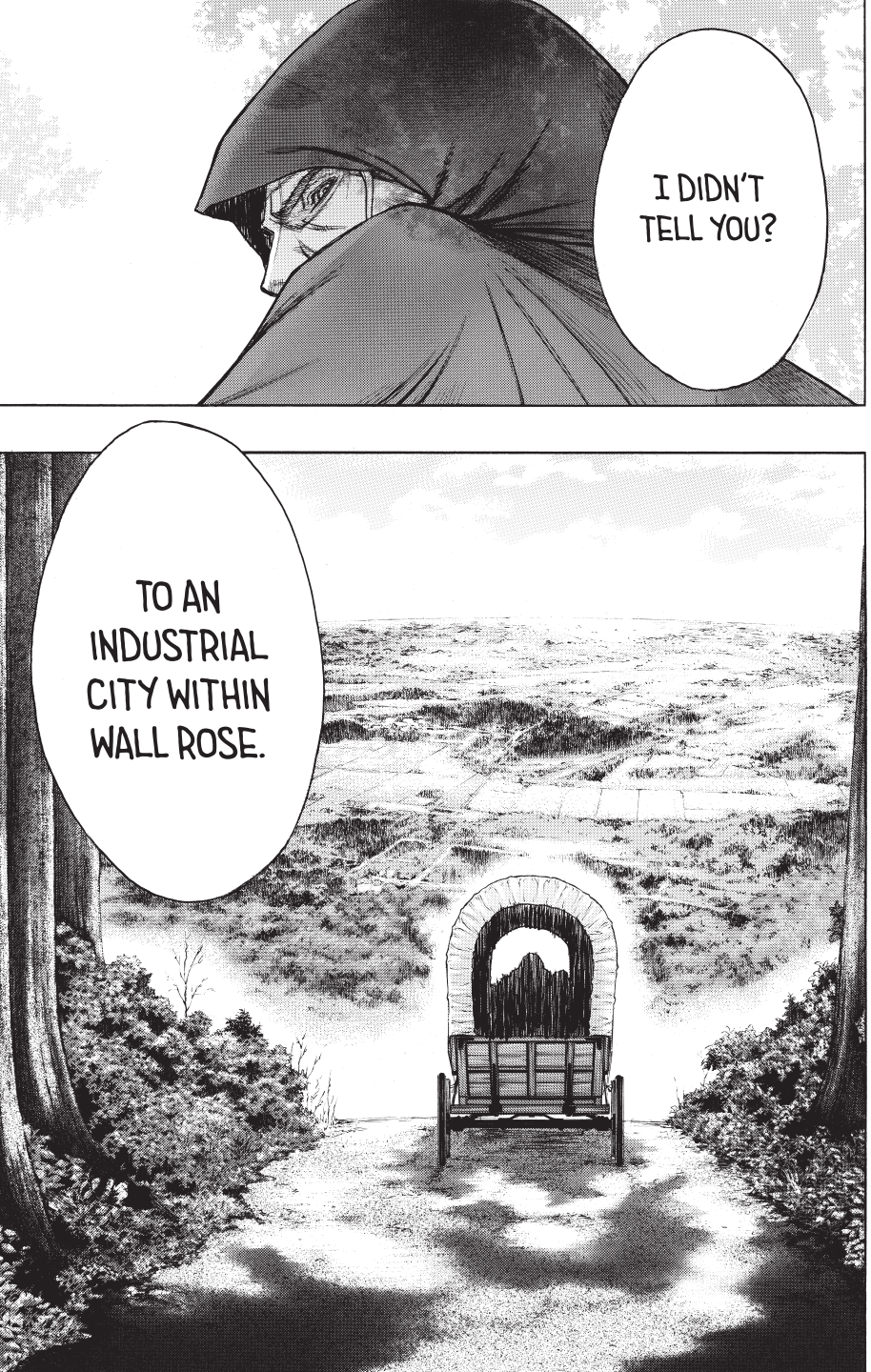

WHAT WILL HE DO WITH SHARLE THEN...?
WHEN XAVI GRADUATES FROM THE TRAINING CORPS, HE WILL TAKE OFFICIAL CONTROL OF THE INOCENCIO FAMILY...
THAT MAKES SENSE... HE WAS BORN TO BE A SOLDIER.

AH...


I'LL...
...BE HERE, WAITING.


HEY!
SHARLE!!


WHERE ARE YOU TAKING US?!


I DIDN'T TELL YOU?
TO AN INDUSTRIAL CITY WITHIN WALL ROSE.

AN INDUSTRIAL CITY...
BUT WHY THERE...?

YOU MAY BE CONSIDERED DEAD NOW...
...BUT IT WOULD BE BEST FOR YOU TO STAY OUT OF SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT UNTIL THINGS COOL DOWN.

I HAVE A FRIEND IN THIS CITY.
OH, AND...
...SHE'S THERE, TOO.
...!
SHARLE ?!!

I-I DIDN'T KIDNAP HER!!
OH, HER! THE ONE YOU KIDNAPPED, WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO BE MY BETROTHED ?
GRR...
B-BUT...
...WHY IS SHARLE THERE?
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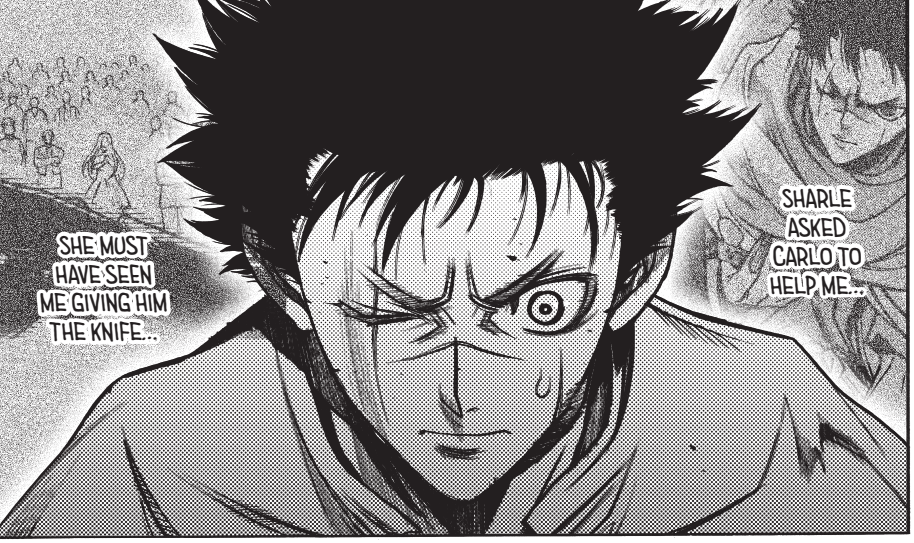
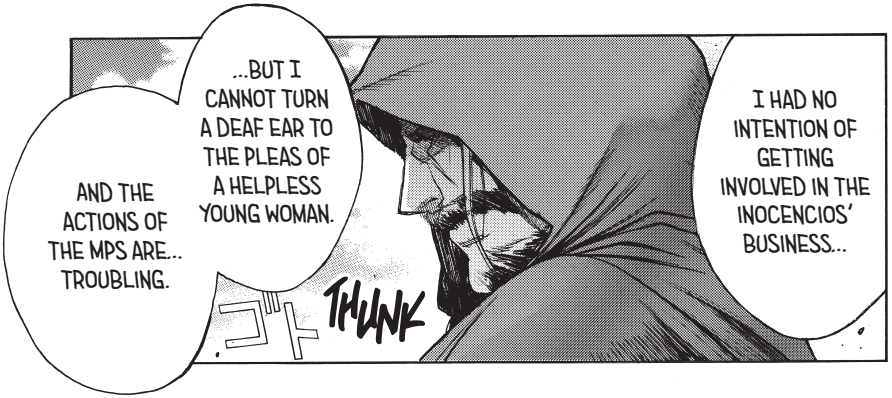
SHE WAS THE ONE WHO BEGGED CARLO TO SAVE YOUR LIFE.

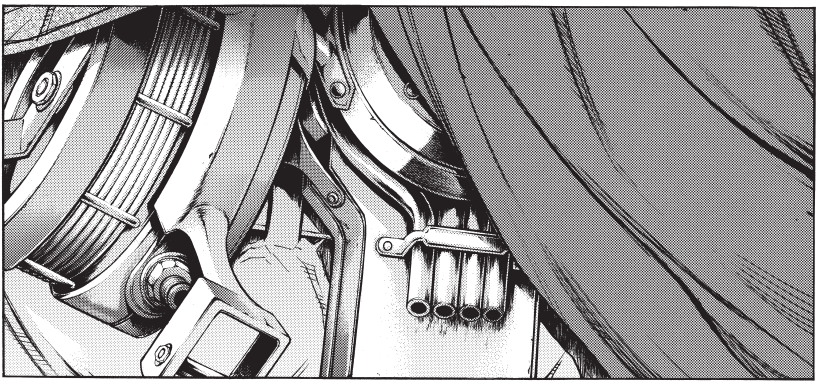

SHE MUST HAVE SEEN ME GIVING HIM THE KNIFE...
SHARLE ASKED CARLO TO HELP ME...

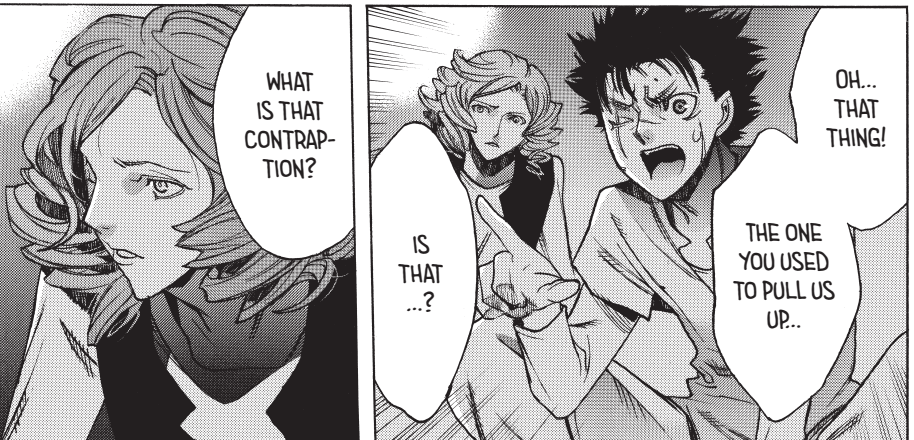

AND THE ACTIONS OF THE MPS ARE... TROUBLING.
...BUT I CANNOT TURN A DEAF EAR TO THE PLEAS OF A HELPLESS YOUNG WOMAN.
THUNK
I HAD NO INTENTION OF GETTING INVOLVED IN THE INOCENCIOS' BUSINESS...

SO I DECIDED TO HELP HER ESCAPE SHIGANSHINA AND SENT HER TO A TRUSTED FRIEND OF MINE.

THUMP
...SHARLE IS SAFE...
SO...
WHEW

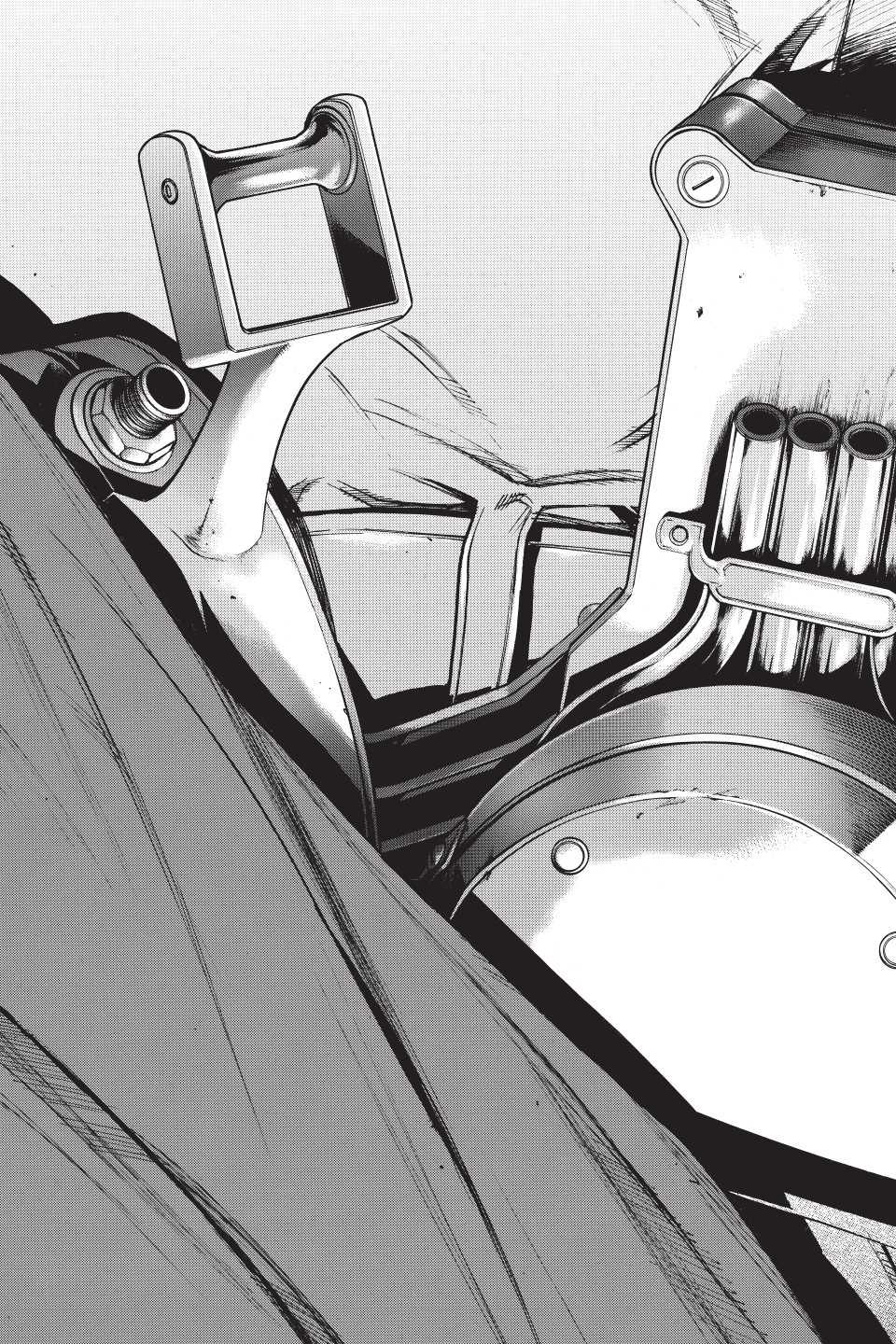
TUG
AND MY FRIEND NEEDS THIS MACHINE RETURNED.




WHAT IS THAT CONTRAP-TION?
IS THAT ...?
OH... THAT THING!
THE ONE YOU USED TO PULL US UP...

WE JUST CALL IT...
IT HAS NO NAME YET.

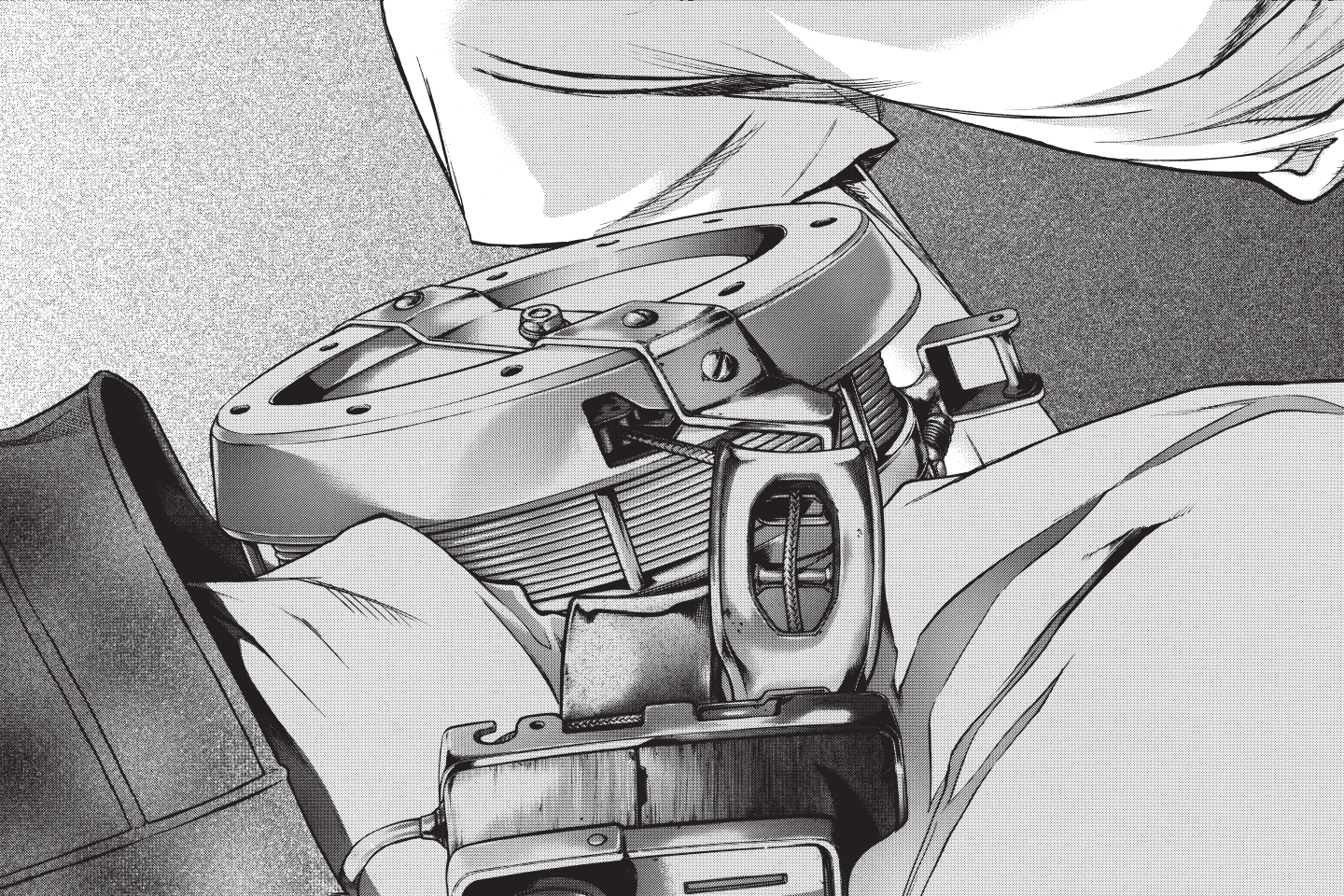
...“THE DEVICE.”



"THE DEVICE" ?!!
Y-YOU MEAN IT'S THE...

W-WELL, YES...
I MEAN, IT'S...
YOU KNOW WHAT THAT IS?
WHAT IS IT, CARDINA?

THAT'S RIGHT. IT JUST SAVED YOUR LIVES.
AND FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, THIS "DEVICE" WAS THE TRUMP CARD THAT DEFEATED THE TITAN!



THAT DEVICE DEFEATED A TITAN...?!!

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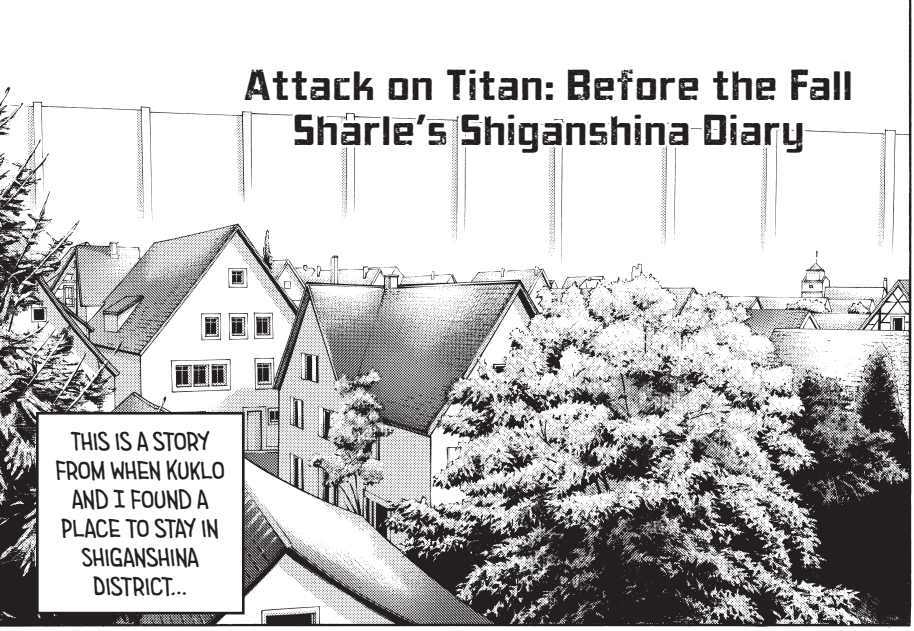

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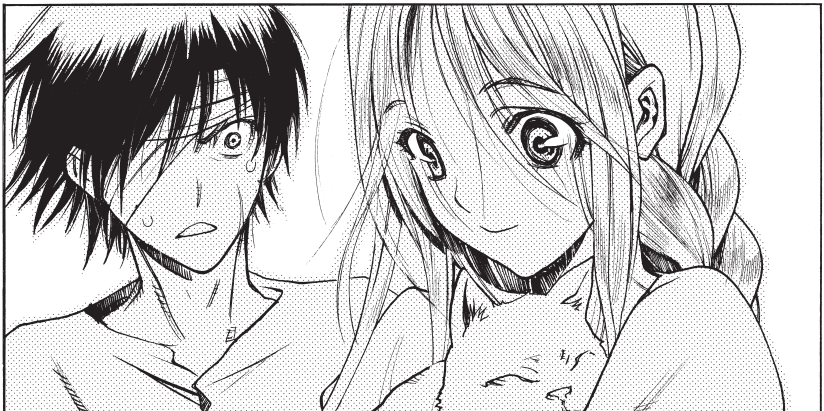
COME HERE, SWEETIE.
YOU'VE ONLY EVER SEEN THEM IN BOOKS, RIGHT?

OOH, IT'S A KITTY!
SHARLE... LOOK AT THAT!!



I WONDER WHERE IT'S FROM...
I...
I WANT TO TOUCH IT TOO!
OKAY, BUT YOU HAVE TO HOLD IT GENTLY.
OOH!
IT'S SO WARM...AND FLUFFY.
AND WIGGLY...
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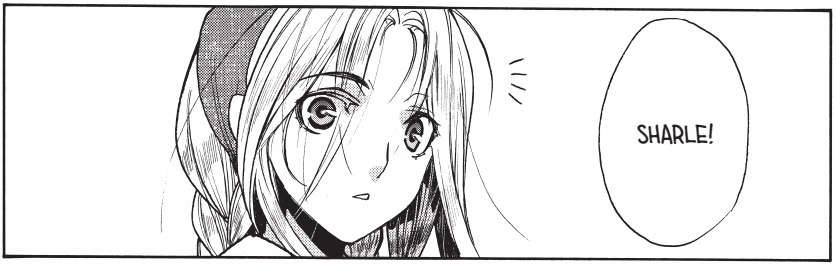
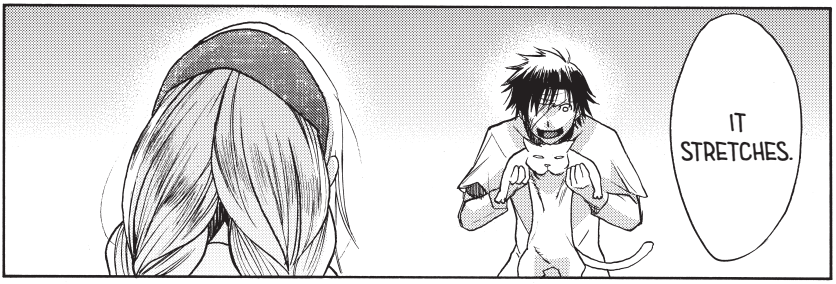
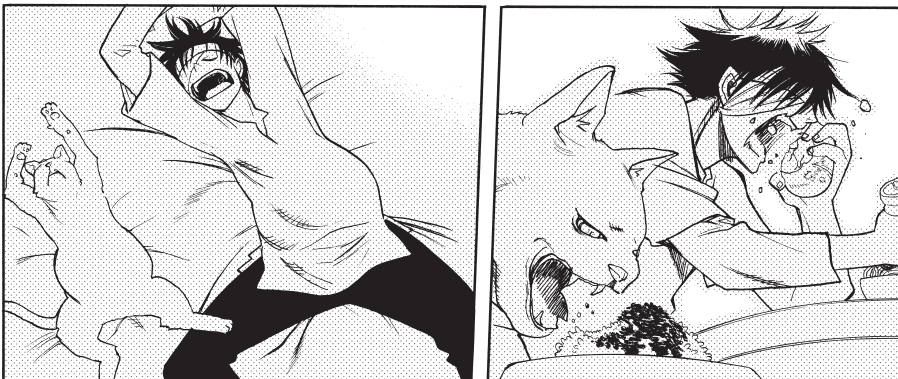
PURR
PURR

IS THAT YOUR CAT?
OOH, I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM WARM UP TO ANYONE LIKE THAT.
HE HELPS CATCH THE MICE AROUND HERE!


SHARLE!


IT STRETCHES.



...THEY'RE IDENTICAL ...
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
EEEK!! A RAT!!
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WHOOSH

BOOM
THWAMM
WOW...
THAT WAS FAST !!

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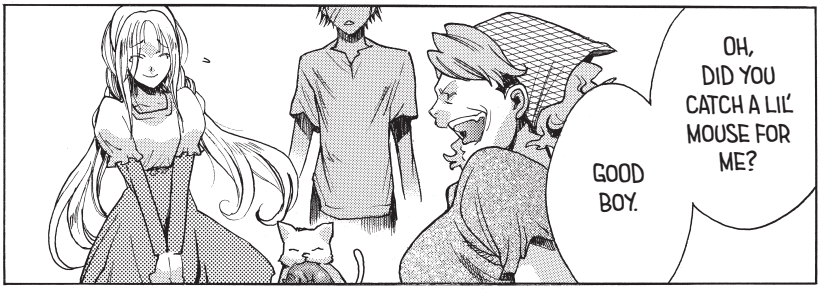
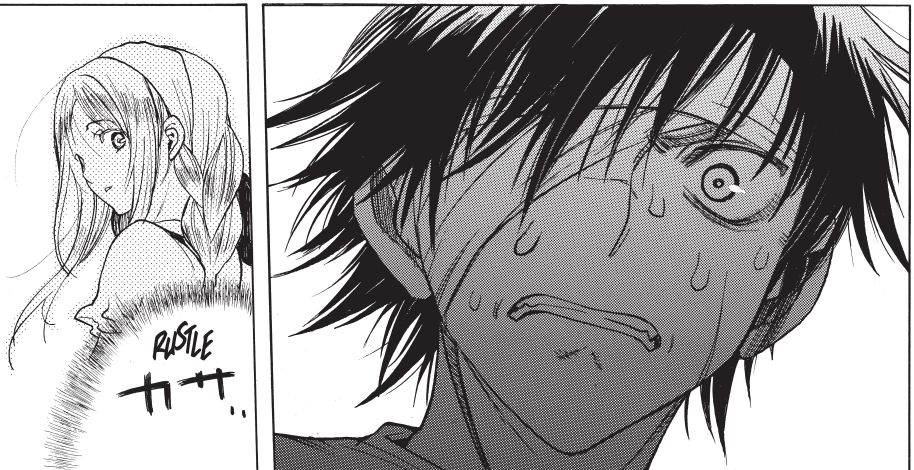

OH, DID YOU CATCH A LIL' MOUSE FOR ME?
GOOD BOY.


RUSTLE
カサ..

PING
ANOTHER RAT!
EEK!

AAAH !!
ZWOOM

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Naraka, page 34

The name for a type of realm in the Buddhist afterlife. A Naraka is something like purgatory in which the dead must live out a set period of time, undergoing hellish torment, until their karma is consumed and they can be reborn into a higher plane of life. Also known as "naraku" in Japanese.

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